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COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 19, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office February 19, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

On motion, the Mayor was appointed Chairman for the present year.

On motion, W. H. Dikeman was appointed Clerk for the present year, salary same as last year.

The Comptroller submitted a statement of the real estate belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York not in use for public purposes, and recommended that a list of property be selected therefrom, to be sold at public auction, as prescribed by law (see statement on file).

On motion, the Clerk was directed to furnish a copy of the said statement to Homer Morgan and Jonathan W. Allen, Esqrs., respectively, and request each of said persons to examine the same and affix a fair and just valuation for each parcel, and, when completed, return the same to this Board.

The Comptroller submitted a list of piers and bulkheads, including market cellars, the leases of which expire on the 1st of May next, and in consequence of the dilapidated condition of the piers and bulkheads, and his inability to have them thoroughly repaired at the present time, recommended that they, together with the market cellars included in said list, be leased for the term of one year, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the said piers, bulkheads and market cellars be leased for one year from May 1, 1866, and that the Comptroller be authorized to receive sealed proposals or bids for the rent of each of said piers, bulkheads and market cellars,

to be publicly opened on a day appointed for that purpose, and submitted to the Commissioners for their action, the Comptroller to give public notice that proposals will be received as above, in his discretion.

A communication was submitted from Henry McGown, President of the Harlem and New York Navigation Company, in relation to encroachments upon the rights of said company, as lessees from the Corporation of the pier and bulkhead at Harlem Bridge, used as the landing place of their line of boats.

Mr. McGown appeared before the Commissioners and explained the nature and extent of the encroachments complained of, when, on motion, the said communication was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, to take such immediate action as may be necessary to protect and secure the interests of the Corporation in the premises.

An application was received from E. Van Ranst for an assignment to him of the lease held by the Corporation of the premises No. 83 Greene street, now occupied by said Van Ranst, upon his assuming the rent, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power, to dispose of the same as may be for the best interests of the Corporation.

A petition was received from L. H. McCoy and others for a reconsideration of the resolution passed December 27, 1865, fixing the consideration for certain grants for land under water on the Harlem river, which, on motion, was referred to the Chamberlain, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen, to examine and report a just and proper valuation for the grants for land under water on the Harlem river, as applied for by said petitioners and included in the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund December 27, 1865.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

1. Application of I. A. Voissin for water grant on the East river, between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets.
2. The application of P. Johnson for grant of land situated between high and low water mark on the East river, westerly shore of Long Island, between Warren and Baltic streets, Brooklyn.

The petition of Archibald M. Allerton for remission of rent on pier foot of Fortieth street, North river, in consequence of the same being out of repair and unfit for use, was received, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That said petition be and hereby is referred to the Chairman of the

Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen, and that they be requested to present the same to the Common Council in order that such action may be taken by that honorable body as may be just and proper in the premises.

The application of Russel Sturges for lease of Pier No. 13, North river, and portion of Pier No. 12, adjoining, was presented, and, on motion, laid over for consideration.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York notifying the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that Messrs. A. A. Low, President of the Chamber of Commerce, G. W. Blunt, George Opdyke and Jackson S. Schultz were appointed a committee to confer with the committee appointed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund December 27, 1865, in relation to the memorial of the New York Pier and Warehouse Company and the general subject of the improvement of piers.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.

GEO. D. KELLOGG, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 1, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 1, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committee of both Boards.

The application of Russel Sturgis to lease pier No. 13 and northerly side of short Pier No. 12, North river, laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken up for consideration, when, on motion, the same was referred to the Comptroller with power to lease for one year, at a rent not less than \$13,250.

The following applications were presented, viz.:

1. Application of New York and Virginia Steamship Company to be refunded amount of bill (\$375) for repairs to the street leading to Pier No. 21, North river, leased to said company.

On motion, laid on the table.

2. Application of Thomas Cornell for lease of south side of pier foot of Jay street, with bulkhead and short pier adjoining, North river.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller to lease for one year on proposals, as in other cases provided for at the last meeting.

3. Application of Atlantic Mail Steamship Company for remission of rent for eleven months of Pier No. 43, North river (see minutes, December 12, 1864, page 113).

On motion, laid on the table.

4. Application of Stevens and Condit Transportation Company for lease of Pier No. 20, North river.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power to lease for one year at a rent not less than \$8,500.

5. Application of Marshall O. Roberts for lease of pier No. 29, North river.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power to lease for one year at a rent not less than \$10,000.

6. Application of H. P. Farrington for lease of Pier No. 39, North river.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power to lease for one year at a rent not less than \$10,000.

7. Application of G. McKenzie for lease of Pier No. 50, North river.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power to lease for one year at a rent not less than \$9,000.

8. Application of Livingston & Co. for lease of Pier No. 36, North river.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power to lease for one year at a rent not less than \$10,000.

9. Application of Daniel Drew for lease of bulkhead at Hoboken street, North river.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power to lease for one year at a rent not less than \$750.

10. On motion, the Comptroller was authorized to lease for one year, to the present occupants, at an advance of not less than fifteen per cent. on the present rents, the following piers, viz.:

East half of Pier No. 4 and west half of Pier No. 5, East river; present rent \$3,200;

East half of Pier No. 5 and west half of Pier No. 6, East river; present rent \$5,200;

East half of Pier No. 6 and west half of Pier No. 7; East river, present rent \$6,000.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANIEL DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.

GEO. D. KELLOGG, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 13, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 13, 1866.

Present—All the Commissioners.

Sundry applications for leases of piers were received, and, on motion, laid on the table.

On motion of the Recorder, the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted February 19, 1866, authorizing certain piers, bulkheads and market cellars to be leased for one year from the first of May, 1866, and the resolutions adopted March 1, 1866, authorizing certain piers and bulkheads to be leased for one year to persons and companies designated, and at a fixed rate, be and the same are hereby reconsidered and rescinded.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to lease on bids at public auction, for the term of ten years from May 1, 1866, the piers and bulkheads belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York which are not required for public purposes, the leases of which expire on or before the first of May next, or which may not now be leased, and to give public notice of the same as required by law; the lessees of said piers and bulkheads to be required to put and keep the same in proper repair at their own expense.

Resolved, That the market cellars, the leases of which have expired, or will expire in 1866, be included in the aforesaid sale of leases at public auction, and subject to the same conditions as to being put and kept in order at the expense of the lessees as in the case of piers and bulkheads.

Resolved, That the Comptroller, the Recorder and the Mayor be and they hereby are appointed a committee to fix the terms and conditions of the sale as provided for above.

Resolved, That the aforesaid auction sale of leases of piers, bulkheads and market cellars be advertised in the nine public newspapers heretofore designated by the Mayor and Comptroller, in accordance with chapter 227, section 2 of Laws of State of 1863.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow (Wednesday) at 11.30 o'clock A. M.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANIEL DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

**JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.**

**GEO. D. KELLOGG, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee of Board of Councilmen.**

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 14, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 14, 1866.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The Comptroller presented reports of valuations of the real estate of the Corporation embraced in the list submitted February 19, 1866, which, on motion, were accepted and placed on file.

1. Gore of land north side of Chambers street, near William street.
2. Parcel of land east side of Corlears street, between Front and Water streets.
3. Block bounded by Hoboken, West and Canal streets.
4. Lot north side of Thirty-fifth street, near Third avenue.
5. Lot north side of Fifty-sixth street, near Sixth avenue.
6. Two lots north and south sides of Forty-ninth street, on east Lexington avenue.
7. Six lots north and south sides Fifty-eighth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.
8. Two blocks of land between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, Fourth, Madison and Fifth avenues.
9. Seventy-four lots between Fifty-first and Fifty-seventh streets, Third and Fourth avenues.
10. Two lots west side of Fourth avenue, between Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth streets.
11. Thirty-eight lots Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth streets, Fourth and Fifth avenues.
12. Thirty-five lots Seventy-ninth and Eightieth streets, Fourth and Fifth avenues.

13. Thirty-four lots Eighty-first and Eighty-second streets, Madison and Fifth avenues.

14. Two lots south side Eighty-second street, near Fourth avenue.

15. One lot southwest corner One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Twelfth avenue.

16. Two lots north side Seventy-ninth street, south side Eightieth street, near Third avenue.

17. Eight lots west side of Ninth avenue, Ninety-fourth and Ninety-fifth streets.

18. Lot east side of Second avenue, near Seventy-eighth street.

19. Thirty-seven lots south side Seventy-ninth street and Third and Fourth avenues.

20. Forty-five lots Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets, Third and Fourth avenues.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the unimproved property embraced in said list be sold at public auction, as provided for by law.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to have the necessary maps of said property prepared preparatory to said sale.

The Mayor submitted the application of Benjamin Moore, executor of the estate of Clement C. Moore, to have the grants issued to the said Clement C. Moore for certain lands under water, between Nineteenth and Twenty-fourth streets, North river, dated March 8, 1849, confirmed.

On motion, the said application was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to examine and report, and, in case the facts are found to be as stated in the application, to prepare the necessary papers to confirm the said grants issued by authority of this Board.

The application of I. H. & S. Riker for adjustment of boundaries of land between the Corporation and Messrs. Brevoort and Odell, on the west side of the Third avenue, between Forty-ninth and Fifty-seventh streets, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to examine and report.

The applications of Messrs. Bell and Nicholson, respectively, to have certain piers withdrawn from the public sale and rented for one year, was, on motion, denied.

The Comptroller presented a communication from M. Porter requesting that further action on his application for a water grant in front of Corlears street, East

river, be deferred until action is taken by the Common Council in relation to building bulkheads in front of said property, which, on motion, was placed on file.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANIEL DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.

GEO. D. KELLOGG, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 19, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 19, 1866.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The Comptroller stated that the Commissioners of Emigration (the present lessees) desired to rent the premises known as Castle Garden for the ensuing year.

After a brief discussion in relation to the important interests under the supervision of the said Commissioners, and the expense they had incurred in fitting up the said premises for their use, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to rent the premises known as Castle Garden to the Commissioners of Emigration for one year from the 1st of May, 1866, at a rent of not less than \$12,000, the lessees to keep the same in repair at their own expense.

The Chamberlain submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Comptroller, by authority of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, entered into arrangements with certain parties to rent or lease to them, respectively, certain piers and bulkheads for one year from the 1st of May, 1866, before the resolutions of the 1st instant authorizing the same were reconsidered and rescinded; and

Whereas, The said parties, by virtue of the said arrangements with the Comptroller, have laid out money in repairs of said piers and bulkheads, and have entered into agreements for the occupancy and use of the same for the ensuing year; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller, notwithstanding the adoption of the resolution on the 13th instant rescinding the resolutions adopted on the 1st instant authorizing certain piers and bulkheads to be rented or leased to certain parties for one year from the 1st of

May next, be and he hereby is authorized to carry out with the parties respectively any arrangements he made, in good faith, for renting or leasing piers and bulkheads previous to the passage of said resolution rescinding the resolutions adopted the 1st instant authorizing the renting or leasing of certain piers and bulkheads to certain parties for one year as aforesaid.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.
DANIEL DEVLIN, Chamberlain.
JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.
GEO. D. KELLOGG, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 26, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 26, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Several protests against leasing certain piers and bulkheads for one year, as authorized by resolutions of the 1st and 19th instant, were presented; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the subject be laid over to the next meeting.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 31, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 31, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The Comptroller stated that he had been notified by the Metropolitan Board of Health to remove the stands on the sidewalks around Washington Market and the booths, etc., of West Washington Market; whereupon it was

Resolved, That Judge W. T. Allen and A. R. Lawrence, Jr., Esq., be employed as counsel to represent the interests of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in the public markets as affected by the proposed action of the Metropolitan Board of Health.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANIEL DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

GEO. D. KELLOGG, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 2, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 2, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

The Mayor presented the application of Henry E. Pierrepont, Trustee of the "General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States," for a deed of confirmation of a water grant on the Hudson river, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, issued in 1849, adjoining the estate of the late Clement C. Moore, which, on motion, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, as in the case of the application of Benjamin Moore, executor (see minutes March 14, 1866, page 169).

The Comptroller submitted an act, introduced in the Senate of this State (now in session) by Senator Lent, providing for the construction of a public market on the Gansevoort property; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That Commissioner Kellogg be and he hereby is authorized to proceed to Albany to represent this Board of Commissioners in the matter of the bill recently introduced by Senator Lent for construction of market on Gansevoort property, and to endeavor to procure an amendment thereto providing that said market shall be built by and under the direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund instead of by a commission, as in the original bill provided.

The application of Edward Green, executor of Garret Greene, for water grant on the Hudson river, between Horatio and Gansevoort streets, was presented and, on

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motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner to examine and report.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANIEL DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.

GEO. D. KELLOGG, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 7, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 7, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor submitted an injunction order by Judge Barnard, of the Supreme Court, dated April 4, 1866, restraining the Comptroller from leasing certain piers and bulkheads set forth and described in the complaint of Isaac Odell in any other manner than by public auction and to the highest bidder, etc., which, on motion, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion whether the Comptroller, by authority of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, can lease the piers and bulkheads belonging to the Corporation except at public auction.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.
DANIEL DEVLIN, Chamberlain.
JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 16, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 16, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, to whom was referred the injunction order by Judge Barnard, of the Supreme Court, on the complaint of Isaac Odell, dated April 4, 1866, restraining the Comptroller from leasing certain piers and bulkheads in any other way than by public auction, etc., for his opinion whether the Comptroller, by authority of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, can lease the piers and bulkheads belonging to the Corporation except at public auction, communicating his answer as follows, viz.:

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
April 12, 1866.

Hon. M. T. BRENNAN, *Comptroller, etc.*:

DEAR SIR—I am in receipt of your letter of April 7, informing me that at a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund it was "Referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion in the case whether the Comptroller, by the authority of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, can lease the piers and bulkheads belonging to the Corporation except at public auction."

I beg leave to say in reply that, in my opinion, the Comptroller cannot legally lease the piers and bulkheads belonging to the Corporation except at public auction.

Section 41 of the City Charter of 1859 provides that all ferries, docks, piers and slips shall be leased, and all leases, sales of public property and franchises (other than grants of land under water), shall be made by public auction and to the highest bidder, who shall give adequate security.

I know of no subsequent legislation impairing the force of the above section, which I regard as clear and conclusive on the subject.

I have the honor to be, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD O'GORMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

The Comptroller presented an order by Judge Barnard modifying the injunction order granted by him on the complaint of Isaac Odell, dated April 4, 1866, "so as to permit the execution by the defendants of any lease for one year from May 1, 1866, which had been agreed upon or for the breach of which agreement a probable cause of action for damages might lie against the City" (see order on file).

After a brief discussion of the matter before the Commissioners, it was

Resolved, To adjourn to to-morrow (Tuesday) at 12½ o'clock P. M.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.

GEO. D. KELLOGG, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 17, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 17, 1866.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The Comptroller presented a copy of an injunction order, granted by John R. Brady, Judge of Court of Common Pleas, on the complaint of William P. Williams, restraining the Mayor, the Comptroller, etc., from letting, leasing or disposing of any of the wharves, piers or bulkheads belonging to the Corporation in any other manner than by public auction, etc., which, on motion, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation asking indulgence for taking further time for the consideration of the question in relation to issuing leases for certain piers, under the modified injunction of the 10th instant, to parties with whom previous arrangements had been made, which was placed on file.

The Comptroller presented the petition of John E. Hoagland to have bulkhead on the North river, between Piers Nos. 45 and 46, repaired; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he hereby is requested to cause the bulkhead between Piers Nos. 45 and 46, North river, leased to John E. Hoagland, to be repaired and put in order forthwith, in accordance with the stipulations when leased.

Resolved, That in case the said bulkhead is not repaired and put in order by the Street Commissioner the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cancel the lease, if desired by the lessee.

The petition of George Brown for reduction of rent on certain piers leased at auction in 1865 was received. As said petitioner has failed to execute leases for the

piers bid off by him and for which he asks a reduction of rent, on motion, his petition was laid on the table.

The application of Anthony J. Bleecker, Son & Co. to be employed to conduct the sale of real estate at auction by direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund was received and, on motion, laid on the table.

The following applications for water grants were received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner to examine and report, viz.:

1. Application of William Smith for water grant on the East river, at Stanton street.
2. Application of Edgar Ketchum and others for water grant on Harlem river, between First and Second avenues.
3. Application of William H. Colwell and others for water grant on Harlem river, between Second and Third avenues.

The Comptroller submitted maps of the real estate to be sold at auction, prepared in accordance with the resolution adopted March 14, 1866, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to have the said maps properly lithographed and a suitable number printed for the sale, and that he cause the said sale to be properly advertised as provided by law.

On motion,

Resolved, That Charles E. Loew, Esq., be requested to confer with prominent real estate auctioneers in order to make arrangements for conducting the said auction sale and report to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for their approval.

Corporation Sale of Real Estate.

Public notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund will offer for sale at public auction, on Monday, May 21, 1866, at noon, at the Exchange Salesroom, in the City of New York, the following real estate:

1. Gore of land north side of Chambers street, near William street.
2. Parcel of land east side of Corlears street, between Front and Water streets.
3. Block bounded by Hoboken, West and Canal streets.
4. Lot north side of Thirty-fifth street, near Third avenue.
5. Lot north side of Fifty-sixth street, near Sixth avenue.
6. Two lots north and south sides of Forty-ninth street, on east Lexington avenue.
7. Six lots north and south sides Eighth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

8. Two blocks of land between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, Fourth, Madison and Fifth avenues.

9. Seventy-four lots between Fifty-first and Fifty-seventh streets, Third and Fourth avenues.

10. Two lots west side of Fourth avenue, between Seventy-fifth and Seventy-sixth streets.

11. Thirty-eight lots, Seventy-seventh and Seventy-eighth streets, Fourth and Fifth avenues.

12. Thirty-five lots, Seventy-ninth and Eightieth streets, Fourth and Fifth avenues.

13. Thirty-four lots, Eighty-first and Eighty-second streets, Madison and Fifth avenues.

14. Two lots south side Eighty-second street, near Fourth avenue.

15. One lot southwest corner of One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Twelfth avenue.

16. Two lots north side Seventy-ninth street, south side Eightieth street, near Third avenue.

17. Eight lots west side of Ninth avenue, Ninety-fourth and Ninety-fifth streets.

18. Lot east side of Second avenue, near Seventy-eighth street.

19. Thirty-seven lots south side of Seventy-ninth street and Third and Fourth avenues.

20. Forty-five lots, Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets, Third and Fourth avenues.

Warrantee deeds will be given.

Lithographic maps may be obtained at the Comptroller's office, Hall of Records, on or after May 10 next.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. of the purchase money, and the auctioneer's fees of twenty dollars on each lot, to be paid at the Comptroller's office each day immediately after the sale. Twenty per cent. on June 1 next, when the deeds will be ready for delivery; and the balance (seventy per cent.), or any portion thereof, at the option of the purchaser, may remain on bond and mortgage for five years from June 1, 1866, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly. The amount on bond and mortgage may be paid off at any time within the five years, on giving one month's notice to the Comptroller; or it may be paid in installments of not less than five hundred dollars on any day when interest is due within the five years.

The sale will be continued from day to day until the whole property is disposed of.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, HALL OF RECORDS, }
April 19, 1866. }

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANIEL DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.

GEO. D. KELLOGG, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 30, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 30, 1866.

Present—All the Commissioners.

J. S. Bosworth, Esq., appeared before the Commissioners as counsel in behalf of William H. Guion in relation to the amount fixed December 27, 1865, as the consideration for the extension of a water grant, on the application of said William H. Guion, on the Hudson river, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets.

After hearing the statements of Judge Bosworth, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner for further consideration.

The Mayor presented a communication from Peter McKnight stating that he bid off the loft over Franklin Market at auction on the 24th instant under a mistake on his part, his bid being for the amount of rent for five years instead of the amount for the rent per annum for five years.

On motion, the Comptroller was authorized to release Mr. McKnight from his bid.

The petition of P. Curtis Ackerman to have the gore of land north side of Chambers street, near William (No. 1 as advertised), withdrawn from the sale was received and, on motion, laid on the table.

The application of Wesley Smith to be relieved from his bid on the 24th instant for north half of pier foot of Stanton street, East river, in consequence of the said pier having been damaged by a storm, etc., was received and, on motion, the Comptroller was authorized to cancel the bid and refund the amount paid at the sale, less the auction fees.

In compliance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting, Charles E. Loew, Esq., reported that he had consulted with several real estate auctioneers in relation to the sale to be held the 21st of May next, and ascertained that the cost of advertising under their regular auction heads is paid by them, as also the fees for the use of the Exchange Room for the sales on all lots sold.

Commissioner Kellogg nominated E. H. Ludlow & Co. as auctioneers for the said sale, and moved that they be appointed.

The Comptroller moved to amend by substituting Charles E. Loew.

The question on the amendment was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted as follows: The Mayor, nay; the Recorder, yea; the Comptroller, yea; the Chamberlain, yea; the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, nay; the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen, nay.

The amendment was not adopted.

The question was then taken on the original resolution to appoint E. H. Ludlow & Co. auctioneers by yeas and nays, and resulted as follows: The Mayor, yea; the Recorder, nay; the Comptroller, nay; the Chamberlain, nay; the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, yea; the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen, yea.

The resolution was not adopted, the vote being three yeas and three nays.

The Mayor moved that Charles E. Loew and E. H. Ludlow & Co. be appointed auctioneers for the aforesaid sale. The sale to be advertised and conducted in the name of E. H. Ludlow & Co., upon the terms stated by Mr. Loew.

The Comptroller moved to amend by substituting William Kennelly, which was not adopted.

The original resolution appointing Charles E. Loew and E. H. Ludlow & Co. was, on motion, adopted.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen

GEO. D. KELLOGG, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 12, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 12, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Councilman Alexander H. Keech appeared as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The Mayor presented a communication from Councilman George D. Kellogg claiming the action of the Board of Councilmen in the change of the Finance Committee of that Board, by which Councilman Keech was appointed Chairman of said Finance Committee, to be illegal.

On motion, the communication was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to whether Councilman Kellogg or Councilman Keech be recognized by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen, and that he be respectfully requested to communicate the same to this Board by or before 11 o'clock A. M. Monday next, 14th instant.

A communication was received from the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York notifying the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that they had selected the block of ground on Fifth avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, as a site for said college; when, on motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund disapprove of the selection by the Trustees of the College of the City of New York of the block of ground on the Fifth avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, for the future use of said college; therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund recommend for the consideration of the said Trustees as a location for said college Reservoir Square and Mount Morris Square, as either of said squares, in the judgment of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, is preferable to the one selected for that purpose by the said Trustees.

The Mayor presented the application of the Board of Metropolitan Police for lease or permission to occupy exclusively the berth at the southeast extremity of the Battery for the police boats, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

A communication was received from the Metropolitan Board of Health in relation to lots formerly occupied by the City Inspector, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The Mayor presented the application of the executors of Cornelius Ray for a deed of confirmation of a water grant on the Hudson river, between Twenty-eighth and Thirty-first streets, dated June 15, 1838, which, on motion, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, as in the case of the application of Benjamin Moore, executor (see minutes March 14, 1866, page 169).

A communication was received from M. Porter in relation to the "parcel of land east of Corlears street, between Front and Water streets," advertised to be sold at public auction on the 21st instant, which, on motion, was referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller to examine and report.

A note was received from E. H. Ludlow & Co. in relation to "posters" of the real estate to be sold on the 21st instant, when, on motion, the Comptroller was authorized to have 2,000 "posters," including the terms of sale of said real estate, printed and posted.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 14, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 14, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and Hon. C. G. Cornell, Street Commissioner.

A note was received from the Counsel to the Corporation acknowledging the receipt of the communication from the Commissioners asking his opinion as to the Chairmanship of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen, and stating that "he will give the matter his immediate attention," which, on motion, was placed on file.

The Comptroller stated that he had been officially notified by the Clerk of the Board of Councilmen that Councilman Alexander H. Keech had been appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee of that Board.

On motion,

Resolved, That Councilman Alexander H. Keech be recognized as one of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by virtue of his appointment as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen (see certificate of his appointment on file).

Councilman Keech was present and took his seat as a member.

On motion, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Street Commissioners proceeded to the consideration of the minimum prices of the lots advertised to be sold.

on the 21st instant, and, without completing the list, on motion, adjourned to the 15th instant, at 12 o'clock M.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 15, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 15, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and Hon. C. G. Cornell, Street Commissioner.

The subject of fixing the minimum prices on the lots advertised to be sold on the 21st instant was resumed from yesterday's proceedings, and, without completing the list, on motion, adjourned until Saturday, the 19th instant, at 12 o'clock M.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.
DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.
JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 19, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 19, 1866.

Present—All the Commissioners and Hon. C. G. Cornell, Street Commissioner.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Street Commissioner resumed, from the proceedings of the last meeting, the subject of fixing the minimum prices of the lots advertised to be sold at auction on the 21st instant, and, having completed the list, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the minimum prices below which the lots as shown on the maps of real estate advertised to be sold at public auction on the 21st instant shall not be sold be and the same are fixed as follows, viz. :

Parcel A, Map No. 1.....	withdrawn
Parcel B, Map No. 1.....	withdrawn
Parcel C, Map No. 1.....	\$120,000 00
Parcel D, Map No. 1.....	4,000 00
Parcel E, Map No. 1.....	4,500 00
Parcel F, Map No. 1.....	8,000 00
Parcel F, Map No. 2.....	11,000 00
Parcel G, Map No. 1.....	5,000 00
Parcel G, Map No. 2.....	4,000 00
Parcel G, Map No. 3.....	4,000 00
Parcel G, Map No. 4.....	5,500 00
Parcel G, Map No. 5.....	5,500 00
Parcel G, Map No. 6.....	4,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 1.....	16,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 2.....	14,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 3.....	12,000 00

Parcel H, Map No. 4.....	\$12,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 5.....	6,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 6.....	6,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 7.....	6,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 8.....	5,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 9.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 10.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 11.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 12.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 13.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 14.....	7,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 15.....	6,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 16.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 17.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 18.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 19.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 20.....	6,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 21.....	7,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 22.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 23.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 24.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 25.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 26.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 27.....	5,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 28.....	6,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 29.....	6,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 30.....	6,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 31.....	15,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 32.....	13,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 33.....	12,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 34.....	12,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 35.....	7,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 36.....	6,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 37.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 38.....	5,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 39.....	4,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 40.....	3,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 41.....	3,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 42.....	3,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 43.....	3,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 44.....	3,000 00

Parcel H, Map No. 45.....	\$3,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 46.....	3,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 47.....	4,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 48.....	3,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 49.....	3,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 50.....	3,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 51.....	3,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 52.....	3,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 53.....	3,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 54.....	4,500 00
Parcel H, Map No. 55.....	3,000 00
Parcel H, Map No. 56.....	3,000 00
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A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to bonds and mortgages growing out of and connected with the sale of lots as advertised to take place on the 21st instant, which, on motion, was approved and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion,

Resolved, That all bonds and mortgages to the Corporation growing out of the sale of real estate advertised for the 21st instant shall be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, the charge for preparing each bond and mortgage to be ten dollars, and two dollars and fifty cents for recording the same, making twelve dollars and fifty cents, which, together with the necessary revenue stamps, is to be paid by the mortgagors.

On motion,

Resolved, That a party bidding off a lot at the sale advertised for the 21st instant may have the privilege, if desired, of taking not to exceed three additional lots adjoining, of the same minimum price, at the same amount, respectively, as for the lot bid off.

The following are the terms and conditions of the sale of real estate advertised to take place on the 21st instant, viz.:

"Ten per cent. of purchase money and auctioneers' fees of twenty dollars on each lot to be paid at the Comptroller's Office each day immediately after the sale, or on the following morning between the hours of 8 and 11 A. M.. Twenty per cent. on June 15 next, when the deeds will be ready for delivery, and the balance (seventy per cent.), or any portion thereof, at the option of the purchaser, may remain on bond and mortgage for five years from June 1, 1866, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly. Mortgages to include the customary thirty days' interest clause. The amount on bond and mortgage may be paid off at any time within the five years on giving one month's notice to the Comptroller, or it may be paid in installments of not less than five hundred dollars on any day when interest is due within the five years.

"The bonds and mortgages will be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, and \$12.50 will be charged for the expense of drawing, acknowledging and recording each separate mortgage, the necessary stamps to be supplied by mortgagors, and purchasers are informed that if more than one lot is included in any mortgage the whole mortgage must be paid off before any release is given by the Corporation, as any release of part of the premises included in a mortgage is forbidden by law.

"The Corporation do not claim to be owners of or to sell any buildings that may be now standing upon the property. The deeds for lots upon which buildings are now erected will not be delivered until July 1, and the owners thereof will be allowed until June 30 to take them away.

"The Comptroller may, at his option, resell the lots bid off by those failing to comply with the terms of sale, and the party so failing to comply will be held liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale" (see original on file).

The Comptroller stated that the premises formerly occupied by the City Inspector were no longer used for the Inspector's Department, and recommended that the same be rented or leased; when, on motion, the Comptroller was authorized to rent the said premises either as a whole or in parts, in his discretion.

A communication was received from the Trustees of the College of New York giving notice of the selection by them of "Reservoir Square" as a site for the future use of the College of the City of New York, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 8, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 8, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The following petitions and applications were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Petition of Courtland Palmer for the confirmation of a grant on the North river, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets; also the petition of John H. Pruyn for confirmation of grant on the North river, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-seventh streets, issued to Freeman Campbell September 1, 1863 (see Book I. of Water Grants, pages 203 to 207), which, on motion, were referred to the Mayor and the Recorder to examine and report.
2. Petition of Dennis O'Donohue and William Whitelaw for continuation of lease of houses Nos. 377 and 379 Fourth avenue for the unexpired term of a lease of the same to the Corporation from the Harlem Railroad Company, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power.
3. Application of Peter Goelet for water grant on the East river, between Eightieth and Eighty-first streets, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner to examine and report.
4. Application of Melinda R. Purdy, executrix of Augustus Purdy, deceased, for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to purchase Riot Damages Redemption Bonds No. 20 of 1879 of the County of New York for \$1,000, the proceeds to be applied on a claim of the Corporation against the estate of the said Augustus Purdy, which, on motion, was granted.

5. Application of John L. Toby for the remission of rent due on lease of "Small Boat District" and the canceling of the said lease, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

6. Application of Loring Bartlett to lease a portion of the Battery, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller for him to explain to the applicant why his application cannot be granted.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid, viz.:

Bill of G. W. Smith for preparing maps of real estate.....	\$1,074 00
Bill of E. B. Clayton's Sons for 3,500 books of maps of real estate sold at auction.....	1,374 50
Bill of Alexander Robertson for posting 2,000 bills "Sale of Real Estate "at Auction".....	100 00
Bill of William H. Cooke for services in preparing for sale of real estate at auction.....	250 00

The Mayor stated that the committee to select a site for the post-office in this city had under consideration as a location for the post-office buildings the lower portion of the park, and recommended that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund appoint a committee to confer with the post-office committee in relation to the practicability of obtaining the same for that purpose, when, on motion, the recommendation of the Mayor was adopted, and the Comptroller and the Chamberlain appointed said committee.

On motion, adjourned to Wednesday next, 13th instant, at 12 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 13, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 13, 1866.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The following petitions were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Petition of Patrick McGuire to be released from the purchase of lot bid off by him at the recent sale of real estate at auction, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

2. Petition of Thomas Otis Leroy for reduction of price fixed December 27, 1865, for water grant on the East river, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, which, on motion, was referred to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen to examine and report.

The committee appointed February 19, 1866, on the petition of L. H. McCoy and others for a reconsideration of the resolutions fixing the price of certain water grants on the Harlem river were discharged, in consequence of one of the members, by a change in the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen, being no longer a member of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the Mayor and the Recorder were appointed said committee.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 23, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 23, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The Comptroller reported that the "Surplus Revenues" of the Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt the current year would probably amount to the sum of \$1,200,000, which, in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862, of the State, is to be transferred to the "General Fund," to be applied to the diminution of the taxes of the City, and recommended that \$500,000 be transferred to said General Fund on account of the aforesaid surplus revenues of 1866; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of D. Devlin, Chamberlain, for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, to be charged to the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt, on account of the "Surplus Revenues" of said fund for the year 1866, and credited to the "General Fund" of the City, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 163, Laws of the State of 1862.

The Comptroller presented the proposition of Messrs. Brevoort and Odell to adjust the division line between property claimed by them and the common lands of the City from Fifty-second to Fifty-seventh, which, on motion, was referred to the Mayor and the Recorder to examine and report.

The following applications were presented and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Application of the Board of Metropolitan Police for the exclusive use of berth for police boat at the southeast point of the Battery, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

2. Application of A. Kamak for extension of time for payment of twenty per cent. on account of purchase of real estate at auction in May last, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

The Comptroller presented the following resolution of the special committee of the Common Council appointed to procure a suitable site for a new post-office, which, on motion, was laid on the table, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to have said ground surveyed and appraised and report the value thereof, or of such portion as Postmaster Kelly may certify to be required, but not to extend further north than a line drawn from the northwest corner of Broadway and Park place to a point about half way between Beekman and Spruce streets on Park row.

On motion, adjourned to Tuesday next, 26th instant, at 12 o'clock M.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.
A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 26, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 26, 1866.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The Comptroller stated that the premises No. 153 Franklin street (leased by the Corporation and formerly used as an engine house), not being required by the Fire Department, had been offered for one year on lease, on sealed bids, and that there was a misunderstanding by one of the parties bidding for the same as to the time for which it was offered, who requests that the "annual lease be again submitted to competition," when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller notify the parties having bid for the premises No. 153 Franklin street that the same will be leased for one year, on sealed bids, to be publicly opened on Friday next at 12 o'clock M.

The Comptroller called up the subject of a site for post-office and court-house for the U. S. Government, and submitted a map showing the proposed location for the same on the lower portion of the City Hall Park.

Messrs. Kelly and Schultz, of the Post-office Committee, being present, by invitation, were requested to express their views on the subject under consideration.

After a full and free discussion of the subject, the Mayor submitted the following resolution, viz.:

"Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund advise that the lower
"portion of the City Hall Park (as designated on a certain map, a copy of which is
"hereto annexed) be sold and conveyed to the U. S. Government as a site or location
"for a post-office and court-house, and to be used by the said U. S. Government for said
"purposes exclusively. for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, the conveyance to

"contain a provision that when the same shall cease to be used for the purposes specified, or for some of them, the title shall revert to and be reinvested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York."

The Recorder moved to amend the resolution by adding immediately after \$500,000 the following: "And the interest of the U. S. Government in the property now occupied by the post-office on Nassau street, between Liberty and Cedar streets."

The question on the amendment was taken by yeas and nays and lost, the Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen voting in the negative (4), and the Recorder and the Chamberlain in the affirmative (2).

The original resolution was then, on motion, adopted.

Sundry bills for advertising were presented and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 26, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office July 26, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

The committee to whom was referred the petitions of Courtlandt Palmer and John K. Pruyn, respectively, for confirmation of a certain water grant on the North river, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-seventh streets, originally issued to Freeman Campbell, presented the following report, viz.:

The Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Funds:

The undersigned, a committee appointed to investigate the facts stated in the petitions of Courtlandt Palmer and John K. Pruyn in respect to a confirmation of the grant made to Freeman Campbell on the 1st day of September, 1853, of land below original high-water mark, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-seventh streets, North river, do respectfully

Report that we have investigated the matter and do find the facts to be substantially as stated in the said petitions. That the said grant contained, among other things, a condition that it would be void if the grantee was not at the time the owner of the pre-emptive right to take such grant. That the said grantee had, at that time, become the purchaser of the said pre-emptive right at Sheriff's sale in a certain matter entitled "Supreme Court in Equity, in the Matter of the Application of William Cairns, Jr., and Ann Eliza, his wife," and had paid ten per cent. of the purchase price, as required by the terms of sale. That almost immediately thereafter the said grant was made, although he had not yet completed the terms of sale or received the Sheriff's deed. That having failed to complete his purchase, an action was subsequently commenced to foreclose whatever interest he had acquired in the said lands and pre-emptive right, which action was entitled, "Supreme Court, William Cairns, Jr., and Ann Eliza, his wife, against Freeman Campbell and others." That in said action a decree was made on the 4th day of June, 1861, directing a sale of the said lands and pre-emptive right and foreclosing all interest acquired by the said grantee therein, and vesting the title thereto in the

purchaser or purchasers at such sale. That such sale has been made, and that the said grantee has become divested of any title or interest he may have acquired in the said lands and pre-emptive right, and the same has become vested in the petitioners. That the full value of the said lands has been received by the Corporation of the City of New York, but that owing to the proviso in said grant, as above stated, there is a cloud on the title which should be removed.

Wherefore, your committee recommend that the prayer of the said petitioners be granted, and that the aforesaid grant be confirmed to the present owners.

Dated June 30, 1866.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Commissioner of the Sinking Fund.

On motion, the report was adopted and the deeds of confirmation submitted by the committee approved, and the Mayor and the Clerk to the Common Council were requested to execute said deeds.

The communication from the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York in relation to site for said college, laid on the table May 19, 1866, was taken up for action, when the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the plot of land bounded northerly by Forty-second street, easterly by the distributing reservoir, southerly by Fortieth street and westerly by the Sixth avenue, and now known as Reservoir Square, as the same is shown and delineated upon a map annexed to an application in respect to said land made by the Trustees of the College of the City of New York to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the 19th day of May, 1866, be and the same is hereby appropriated and set apart for the future use of the College of the City of New York.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The petition of C. Hartshorne for order on the Treasurer of the Metropolitan Fire Department for the delivery of carriage for Hose Company No. 56 to him, the said Hartshorne, he not having (as he states in his petition) been paid for the said carriage, was presented and, on motion, laid on the table.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 7, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office August 7, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

H. H. Anderson, Esq., appeared as attorney for Messrs. Miller and Coats and made application for the passage of a resolution directing the Mayor, etc., to execute and deliver to the said Miller and Coats, in conformity with a decision of the Supreme Court, a deed for certain lots sold at auction in 1852; when, on motion, the application was denied, and it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be instructed to take an appeal from the said decision to the General Term of the Supreme Court.

The Comptroller called attention to the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at the last meeting on the petition of Cortlandt Palmer for a deed of confirmation of a portion of a water grant issued in 1853 to Freeman Campbell, on the Hudson river, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-seventh streets, and stated that it had been ascertained that an assessment had been made for building a sewer in Thirty-fourth street (confirmed July 11, 1861) after the original grant had been issued, and that the said assessment was set aside because the property was assessed for the said sewer for more than one-half of its last assessed value, and that the Corporation was required to pay the assessment for the aforesaid sewer on the premises included in the deed of confirmation to Cortlandt Palmer approved at the last meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller withhold said deed to Cortlandt Palmer until the amount of said assessment on the premises included in said deed and paid by the Corporation on account of said sewer be paid by the said Cortlandt Palmer.

The Comptroller reported a large balance in the Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt, and recommended that the sum of \$300,000 be transferred to the "General Fund," as provided for in chapter 163, Laws of 1862; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of D. Devlin, Chamberlain, for the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, to be charged to the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on the City Debt, on account of the "Surplus Revenues" of said fund for the year 1866, and the same credited to the "General Fund" of the City, in pursuance of the aforesaid chapter 163, Laws of 1862 of the State of New York.

A bill of G. W. Smith for \$150 for survey and maps of the lower portion of the City Hall Park, recommended as a site for the post-office, etc., was presented and, on motion, ordered paid.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

JAMES O'BRIEN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 15, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office October 15, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The following reports were submitted, viz.:

1. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of William H. Guion for extension of water grant on the North river, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, as follows:

NEW YORK, September 19, 1866.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred (see proceedings of April 30, 1866, page 182) the application of William H. Guion for extension of water grant on the North river, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, together with the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund thereon December 27, 1865, having carefully considered the subject, respectfully

Report that a grant was issued to Beverly Robinson in 1852 for one-half of the block between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, now owned by the present applicant, extending to the Thirteenth avenue, at that time the exterior line of the City. In 1857 the exterior line was extended about 70 feet beyond the Thirteenth avenue, and the present application is for the extension of the aforesaid grant to the present exterior line as fixed by law.

Taking into consideration the fact that the former grant was designed to convey the rights of the Corporation to the land under water to the exterior line of the City, and paid for accordingly, and as the present application is to extend the existing grant

to the present exterior line, in order that the rights to wharfage, etc., conveyed by the former grant may not be interfered with, we are of the opinion that merely a nominal consideration should be fixed for the extension applied for, and therefore recommend that the resolution adopted December 27, 1865, be reconsidered, and the consideration for said extension of the water grant to William H. Guion be fixed at the sum of ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is herewith submitted.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

CHAS. G. CORNELL, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted December 27, 1865, authorizing a grant to be issued to William H. Guion for land under water on the North river, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and amended to read as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to William H. Guion for land under water on the Hudson river, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, in front of the upland owned by him, extending from the westerly line of the Thirteenth avenue to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the accompanying resolutions (as above) adopted.

2. Report of the Mayor and the Recorder on sundry applications for water grants on the Harlem river, as follows:

NEW YORK, September 19, 1866.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Harlem Gas-light Company, James L. Young, L. H. McCoy and S. Ferris, Elisha Nelson, Jacob Weidenfeld, Peter Randall and Mary G. Pinckney, owners of land fronting on the Harlem river, for a reconsideration of the resolutions adopted December 27, 1865, fixing the consideration for grants to the said parties, respectively, for land under water on said river "to examine and report a just and proper valuation for the grants as applied for by said petitioners, and included in the action of the Commissioners of "the Sinking Fund December 27, 1865," respectfully

Report that a map of the shore of Harlem river has been prepared showing the grants that have been issued, the consideration paid for the same and the premises included in each of the grants authorized to be issued to the aforesaid parties, and, on examination, find the price per lineal foot for the grants authorized to be issued to the said parties as fixed by the resolutions adopted December 27, 1865, greatly in excess of

what has been charged for former grants in the immediate vicinity, and, as your committee believe, in excess of their real value.

Your committee therefore recommend that the resolutions authorizing the said grants (passed December 27, 1865) and fixing the consideration to be paid therefor by the riparian owners (who alone are entitled to grants for the land under water in front of the upland owned by them) be reconsidered, and the consideration for said grants for land under water, respectively, be fixed as follows, viz.:

1. Extension of grant to Harlem Gas-light Company between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, Harlem river, at \$50 per foot front, running measure.

2. Grant to James L. Young between One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Seventeenth streets, Harlem river, at \$10 per foot front, running measure, the grantee to indemnify the City from all damages arising from obstructions to the use of adjacent pier in consequence of filling in the premises included in said grant before the expiration of the present lease of said pier, May 1, 1869.

3. Grant to L. H. McCoy and Sylvanus Ferris between One Hundred and Seventeenth and One Hundred and Eighteenth streets, Harlem river, at \$10 per foot front, running measure.

4. Grant to Elisha Nelson between One Hundred and Seventeenth and One Hundred and Eighteenth streets, Harlem river, at \$10 per foot front, running measure.

5. Grant to Jacob Weidenfeld between One Hundred and Nineteenth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets, Harlem river, at \$10 per foot front, running measure.

6. Grant to Peter Randall north side of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, Harlem river, at \$10 per foot front, running measure.

7. Grant to Mary G. Pinckney, between One Hundred and Fortieth and One Hundred and Fifty-first streets, Harlem river, at \$5 per foot front, running measure.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

Committee.

On motion, the report was approved, the resolutions authorizing the aforesaid grants, adopted December 27, 1865, reconsidered and amended in accordance with the recommendation of the committee and adopted as follows, viz.:

1. Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to "The Harlem Gas-light Company of the City of New York" for land under water on Harlem river, in front of the upland owned by the said company between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, extending to the

exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants, at fifty dollars (\$50) per foot front, running measure.

2. Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to James L. Young for land under water on the Harlem river, in front of the upland owned by him between One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Seventeenth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants, at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure, the grantee to indemnify the City from all damages arising from obstructions to the use of the adjacent pier in consequence of filling in the premises included in said grant before the expiration of the present lease of said pier, May 1, 1869.

3. Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to L. H. McCoy and Sylvanus Ferris for land under water on the Harlem river, in front of the upland owned by them between One Hundred and Seventeenth and One Hundred and Eighteenth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure.

4. Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Elisha Nelson for land under water on Harlem river, in front of upland owned by him between One Hundred and Seventeenth and One Hundred and Eighteenth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure.

5. Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Jacob Weidenfeld for land under water on the Harlem river, in front of the upland owned by him at One Hundred and Twentieth street, viz., one hundred feet front on the south side and one hundred feet front on the north side of said street, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure.

6. Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Peter Randell for land under water on the Harlem river, in front of upland owned by him on the north side of One Hundred and Nineteenth street, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure.

7. Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Mary G. Pinckney for land under water on Harlem river, in front of upland owned by her between One Hundred and Fortieth and One Hundred and Fifty-first streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at five dollars (\$5) per foot front, running measure.

The following applications for water grants were received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner to examine and report, viz.:

1. Application of Mrs. Margaret V. Garrigus for grant of land under water on the East river, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets.
2. Application of Mrs. Harriet Washburn for grant of land under water on the East river, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets.
3. Application of John J. Astor, Jr., and others for grant of land under water on the North river, between Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets.

The application of William H. Aspinwall for a renewal of lease of premises in Beaver street, near Broad, or the appointment of appraisers to fix value of building, as provided for in lease, was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The application of William Seebach for payment for services as bookkeeper to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund was received and, on motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That William Seebach be paid the sum of one thousand dollars for services rendered as bookkeeper to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the year ending September 1, 1866, and that hereafter he be paid for such services the same rate per annum in monthly payments, during the pleasure of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the services to be performed under the direction of the Comptroller.

The following petitions were received, viz.:

1. Petition of E. A. Roberts, lessee of wharf at the foot of Ninety-sixth street, North river, for said pier to be repaired, which, on motion, was laid on the table.
2. Petition of N. Kingsley for the transfer of the lease of house No. 150 Franklin street, leased to the City for \$350 per annum to May 1, 1872. Petitioner proposes to assume all the conditions of the lease and pay for the same the sum of \$700 per annum.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

3. Petition of Mary Jane Phillips for a release or quit-claim from the Corporation of Lot (on map of Bellevue lots) No. 181, purchased from the Corporation in the year 1845 by Edward A. Concklin, the deed for which, it is said, has not been recorded and cannot be found.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid, viz.:

1. Bill of A. R. Lawrence for services as counsel in the matter of the action of the Board of Health in relation to stands around Fulton and Washington Markets (including \$120.84 disbursements)..... \$1,620 84

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2. Bill of William F. Allen for services as counsel in the aforesaid matter..	\$1,500 00
3. Bill of George W. Smith, surveyor, for searches and compilation of maps showing the boundary lines between lands of the Corporation and Messrs. Brevoort and Odell, between Forty-eighth and Fifty-seventh streets and Third and Fourth avenues.....	450 00
Amount	<u>\$3,570 84</u>

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.
A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 3, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office November 3, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Common Council stating that Alderman James O'Brien resigned his position as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen August 30, 1866, and that Alderman Lewis R. Ryers was appointed in his stead.

On motion the communication was placed on file.

The Comptroller submitted the report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of D. P. Ingraham and others for water grants on the Harlem river, as follows, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, October 2, 1866. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the applications of D. P. Ingraham, Margaret Ingraham, Edgar Ketchum, R. H. Lane, W. H. Payne and William H. Colwell for grants for land under water on the Harlem river, in front of upland owned by them between One Hundred and Twenty-seventh and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, respectfully

Report that the several applications referred extend the entire front on the Harlem river, from the westerly line of a water grant issued to Benjamin S. Judah, at One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street and First avenue, October 21, 1808 (see Book E of City Grants, page 504), to the easterly line of a water grant issued to John B. Coles at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue July 20, 1801 (see Book E of City Grants, page 53).

The said applicants having mutually agreed upon the division or boundary lines of the grants, respectively, as applied for, we recommend that the applications be granted,

the consideration for said grants fixed at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure, the grants to contain the usual covenants and conditions; the grant to William H. Colwell not to be extended so as in any way or manner to interfere with the use and occupancy of the pier at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Harlem Bridge, now leased to the Harlem and New York Navigation Company.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

CHAS. G. CORNELL, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause grants to be issued for land under water on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-seventh and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, extending from the westerly line of a water grant issued to Benjamin S. Judah at One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street and First avenue to the easterly line of a water grant issued to John B. Coles at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, to D. P. Ingraham, Margaret Ingraham, Edgar Ketchum, R. H. Lane, William H. Payne and William H. Colwell, in front of the upland owned by them, respectively; said grants to contain the usual covenants and conditions, the said parties being at liberty to adjust the division or boundary lines between the said grants as they may agree and determine, only so that the rights of other parties or the Corporation are not interfered with. The grant to William H. Colwell not to be extended so as in any way or manner to interfere with the use and occupancy of the pier at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Harlem Bridge, now leased to the Harlem and New York Navigation Company; and that the consideration for said grants be and the same is hereby fixed at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Applications.

1. Application of C. Chamberlain for reimbursement of rent paid for lease of Pier No. 38, East river.

On motion, laid on the table.

2. Application of Henry A. Smythe, collector, for continuance of lease of Pier No. 1, East river, for U. S. Barge Office.

On motion, the application was laid over for consideration, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund consenting to the temporary use of the premises by the U. S. Government at the present rate of rent.

3. Application of Metropolitan Steamship Company in relation to repairs of Pier No. 33, East river.

On motion, laid on the table.

Reports.

1. The Comptroller reported on the application of William H. Aspinwall in relation to building in Beaver street, near Broad, the lease of which expires January 1, 1867, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to appoint an appraiser to fix the amount of rent on renewal of lease.

2. The Comptroller reported in relation to the petition of Mary Jane Phillips for a release from the Corporation of Lot No. 181, Map of Bellevue Lots, purchased at auction in 1845, as follows:

That said lot was sold at auction by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and a deed executed for the same to Edward Concklin, dated May 1, 1845 (see Book A, Deeds of Property sold by Commissioners of the Sinking Fund); that the consideration for said lot has been paid in full; that the Corporation has no claim whatever to the same, and that the deed for said lot is said to have been lost or mislaid and has not been recorded.

On motion, the report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That a release or quit-claim of said Lot No. 181, Map of Bellevue Lots, reciting the facts in the case as stated in the petition of Mary Jane Phillips, be executed to the purchaser of said lot in accordance with the application of the petitioner, and that the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to carry the same into effect.

The Comptroller stated that there was a balance of \$578,000 to the credit of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, and recommended that investments be made in stocks and bonds of the City and County of New York, at the current rates; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to invest, on account of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, in the stocks and bonds of the City and County of New York, at the current rates, in his discretion.

Bill of "New Yorker Demokrat" for advertising sale of real estate at auction was presented and, on motion, laid on the table.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

 NOVEMBER 13, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office November 13, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

The application of Robert M. Strebeigh and others for a water grant on Hariem river, between One Hundred and Fifth and One Hundred and Sixth streets, was presented and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

The bill of J. H. & S. Riker for counsel fee for examining title to land southerly side of Seventy-eighth street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, and obtaining a conveyance of the same to the Corporation.....	\$1,000 00
Paid for searches and expenses in obtaining deed.....	67 75
Amount	<u>\$1,067 75</u>

On motion, the aforesaid bill was ordered paid.

Courtlandt Palmer, Esq., appeared before the Commissioners and was heard in relation to the action on his application for deed of confirmation to portion of a water grant issued to Freeman Campbell on the Hudson river, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-seventh streets (see proceedings of August 7, 1866, page 206).

On motion, the subject was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
 JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
 MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.
 LEWIS R. RYERS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.
 A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 11, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 11, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

Terrence Farley, Esq., appeared before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and stated that he purchased from the Corporation in May last, at auction, certain lots in the block bounded by Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets and Fourth and Fifth avenues, on which he has paid thirty per cent. of the purchase money; that he has lost the sale of the said lots on account of some question that affects the title. He therefore asks that a portion of the amount paid, say twenty per cent., be repaid to him until such time as the question of title is settled.

On motion, it was referred to the Comptroller to obtain the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation as to the power of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to pay back any portion of the money received on account of sales of the said lots after the same has been deposited in the treasury as prescribed by law.

The following report on the proposition of Messrs. Brevoort and Odell in relation to the settlement of the boundary line between property claimed by them and the common lands of the City, from Fifty-second to Fifty-seventh streets, referred to the Mayor and the Recorder June 23, 1866, was presented by the Mayor, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, etc.:

The Hon. JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor, etc., and

The Hon. JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder,

Special Committee:

MESSRS.—I have examined the offer on behalf of Messrs. Brevoort and Odell to compromise and settle the conflicting claims of themselves and of the Mayor, Alder-

men and Commonalty of the City of New York to lands on and near the Third avenue in this City and between Fifty-second and Fifty-seventh streets.

The offer was that "any first-class city surveyor lay down the easterly boundary "line of the common lands" (from Fifty-second street to Fifty-seventh street) "according to the survey thereof made for the City by Casimir Th. Goerck in 1796, on the "present plan of the City, all west of such line to belong wholly to the City; all east "of such line and west of the easterly line laid down on the sales map used at the recent "sale to be divided equally between the City and Messrs. Brevoort and Odell."

Mr. George W. Smith, city surveyor, has, at the instance of the City authorities, attempted to lay down this easterly line according to the Goerck map. He has drawn three lines, which are obtained by three several modes of procedure. As these lines do not coincide, I infer that the map, in its present condition, is not precisely accurate in each of its particulars. I have examined this map in the presence of the surveyor, Mr. Smith, and have heard his explanations. As I understand him, the yellow line, or the centre line of the three lines so drawn by him, is, in his opinion, more likely to be the true boundary line than either of the others.

If this yellow line be assumed to be the accurate easterly boundary line of the common lands it will follow that all of the land in dispute lying east of it belongs to Messrs. Brevoort and Odell.

A division of the lands in dispute lying between Fifty-second street and Fifty-seventh street and east of this yellow line up to the easterly line of the common lands as laid down on the sales map used at the sale recently made by the City authorities would be one which would give to the City half of the proceeds of lands in which it has no actual interest, assuming this yellow line to be the true easterly boundary line.

The difficulty in ascertaining the easterly boundary line of the common lands is the obstacle to an accurate determination of the actual rights of the claimants.

In 1822 Isaac T. Ludlam and Edward Doughty made a survey of these common lands. Mr. Ludlam is living; Mr. Doughty is dead. I have conversed with Mr. Ludlam. He adopted as the easterly boundary (in making his survey) a fence then standing. When this fence was erected he does not know. Its condition indicated to his mind that this fence had been erected many years previously.

As early as the fore part of 1838 Brevoort & Odell, by their tenants, were in the actual occupation of the front part of the block between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets lying next westerly of the Third avenue. In that year the Corporation commenced an action of ejectment to recover possession of that parcel. Then only sixteen years had elapsed subsequent to the survey made by Messrs. Ludlam and Doughty. It was then comparatively easy to ascertain when and under what circumstances the fence was erected which Messrs. Ludlam and Doughty adopted as the easterly boundary line, what occupation the City have had of the lands west of this fence, its character, when it commenced and whether it had been interrupted. It is twenty-eight years since that action was commenced. It is yet pending and untried. The office of Corporation Counsel has been filled during this period by several gentlemen of undoubted ability and industry. The omission to bring the suit to trial would seem to justify the inference that it has been found difficult to furnish such evidence of the true easterly boundary line as was satisfactory to counsel.

In 1859 Messrs. Brevoort & Odell instituted a special proceeding to compel the determination of the claims of the parties to other portions of this disputed territory west

of Third avenue and between Fifty-first and Fifty-sixth streets. That proceeding is still pending and undetermined.

The City, as I understand the facts, has recently sold the lands in controversy, and the purchasers decline to complete their contracts on account of the difficulties in respect to the title.

By the offer of compromise, as I understand it, the division proposed to be made will not only settle all controversies in respect to the specific parcels thus to be divided, but will also extinguish all claims of Messrs. Brevoort & Odell to any and all land west of the easterly line of the common lands as laid down on the sales map before referred to and, as well to lands below as above Fifty-second street, Messrs. Brevoort & Odell will release all claims, except to the specific parcels which, by this division, will fall to them.

Instead of actually dividing these parcels, they propose that the sales made be carried into effect; that the price for which each lot as sold has been sold be taken as its value, and that the value of any portion of the lots sold which is to be divided be ascertained by any fair and competent person, on just and equitable principles, and that Messrs. Brevoort & Odell receive their half of the value of such portion and the Corporation receive the residue.

One great advantage of ending this controversy will be that the City will be in the immediate receipt of the value of such portions of the property as will be accorded to it, and the owners of the residue will henceforth pay all taxes and assessments that may be imposed upon that. The uncertainties of litigation, with its long delays, uncertain result and inevitable expenses will be at once determined.

The Counsel of the Corporation, during a period of twenty-eight years, do not seem to have succeeded in procuring evidence on which they were willing to bring to trial the suit brought by the City.

I may assume, probably, that the claimants have not discovered any evidence at all conclusive in its character or else they would have forced the suit to a trial.

My opinion, upon such information as I now have, is that it would be for the pecuniary interests of the City to settle this controversy upon the terms offered, understanding that, according to this offer, Brevoort & Odell will release all claims to all lands west of the easterly line of the common lands as laid down upon the aforesaid sales map upon an equal division between the parties of the land west of this line and east of the said yellow line, lying between Fifty-second and Fifty-seventh streets, and that instead of an actual division of these parcels the proceeds of their value, to be ascertained as above suggested, will be divided.

To make such a division it will be necessary to ascertain the precise quantity of the several parcels to be thus divided and the actual value of each of such parcels.

J. S. BOSWORTH.

On motion, the report was accepted and the following resolution adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are of the opinion that the proposed compromise of the claims of Brevoort & Odell referred to in the opinion of Joseph S. Bosworth, this day presented and received, should be accepted, and that the same hereby is accepted as far as said Commissioners have power in the premises. That the Corporation Counsel and the said Joseph S. Bosworth be requested, on behalf of said

Commissioners, to agree with the counsel of said Brevoort & Odell upon the details of said compromise and the precise proportion of the purchase moneys of the lots in question to be paid on said compromise to said Brevoort & Odell.

Resolved, That when said details are arranged and said proportions agreed upon the Common Council be requested to authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to carry out said compromise and to pay to said Brevoort & Odell their proportion of said moneys, and to authorize and direct the Counsel to the Corporation to settle all suits now pending in relation thereto accordingly.

Resolved, That said Joseph S. Bosworth be authorized and employed to assist the Corporation Counsel to prepare all resolutions, releases and other instruments in writing necessary and proper in the premises.

The following applications were presented, viz.:

1. Application of Garland Turrell to purchase lot No. 74 Maiden lane and building thereon.

Referred to Comptroller to answer.

2. Application of Edwin N. Hubbell for allowance for use of portion of pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, as a dumping board.

Referred to Comptroller to examine and report.

3. Application of John L. Nye to lease "a certain parcel of ground on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Fourth avenue."

Referred to Comptroller to answer.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 21, 1866.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 21, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The Comptroller stated that he had examined the application of Courtlandt Palmer, referred to him November 13, 1866, in relation to assessment for sewer in Thirty-fourth street, and finds that the assessment on the twenty-five lots in question as paid by the City on account of said sewer was \$3,601.12, and that the assessment, corrected so as not to assess any lot more than half its last assessed value, amounts to \$2,262 (assessment of 1860); when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That upon the payment of said assessment of two thousand two hundred and sixty-two dollars, together with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, from July 11, 1861, by the said Courtlandt Palmer the Comptroller be authorized to deliver to him the deed of confirmation approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund July 26, 1866.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in reply to the inquiry "as to whether the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund can legally pay back "to Ald. Farley a portion, say twenty per cent., of moneys paid by him on the purchase "of lots forming part of Hamilton Square, etc.," stating that it is simply the duty of the Commissioners to receive the purchase money and apply it as the law directs, etc.

On motion, the communication was ordered on file and the application of Ald. Farley denied.

The following applications were received and disposed of as follows:

1. Application of C. & A. C. Poillon for reconsideration of the resolution fixing the consideration for water grant on East river, between Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth streets.

On motion, laid on the table.

2. Application of H. P. Farrington for allowance for repairs to sundry piers leased to him by the Corporation.

On motion, laid on the table.

3. Application of Daniel McMaster for water grant on the Hudson river, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

4. Application of John Keveney for payment of bill for repairs to No. 6 Fulton Market

On motion, referred to Comptroller to answer.

5. Application of T. McManus & Co. for allowance for repairs of Piers Nos. 6 and 7, East river.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller to answer.

6. Application of Edward N. Hubbell for allowance for use of a portion of pier foot of Twenty-third street, East river, as a dumping board, referred to the Comptroller December 11, 1866, was, on motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Common Council stating that the resolution in relation to disposing of the lower portion of the City Hall Park to the U. S. Government for a site for a post-office, adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 26, 1866, had been approved by the Common Council.

On motion, accepted and placed on file.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid in the following amounts, viz. :

Bill of William W. Burnham for services in connection with sale of real estate at auction, 1866 (see voucher).....	\$500 00
Bill of S. V. Moody for compiling returns of arrears Croton water rents, 1865.....	151 00
Bill of J. E. Howard for compiling returns of arrears Croton water rents, 1865	70 40
Bill of H. P. Bostwick for posting stock ledgers, etc.....	400 00

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

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DECEMBER 27, 1866.
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At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 27, 1866.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The application of Cortlandt Palmer to be relieved from payment of interest on the assessment (\$2,262), as corrected and approved at the last meeting, for sewer in Thirty-fourth street, was stated by the Mayor, when, on motion, the application was denied.

The Recorder moved that the amount to be paid in full of said assessment by Mr. Palmer be fixed at \$2,500, which was not adopted.

The Comptroller stated that the estimated amount of "Surplus Revenues" of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt for the year 1866 and deducted from the tax levy of said year was.....\$1,200,000 00 and that the following amounts have been transferred to the "General Fund," viz.:

June 25.....	\$500,000 00
August 7.....	300,000 00
October 2.....	200,000 00

Making	1,000,000 00
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Leaving a balance of.....	\$200,000 00
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to be transferred as per chapter 163, Laws of State of 1862.

On motion,

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of D. Devlin, Chamberlain of the City, for the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, to be charged to the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt, the same being the balance of the estimated surplus revenues of said fund for the current year, to be deposited to the credit of the "General Fund."

On motion of the Mayor, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to issue the grant to James L. Young for land under water on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Seventeenth street, as authorized by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund October 15, 1866, extending parallel with the line of the street.

On motion of the Comptroller, it was

Resolved, That the Mayor, the Recorder and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards be appointed a committee to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.

A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 5, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office January 5, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Common Council transmitting "preamble and resolution" adopted by that body, and approved by the Mayor January 2, 1867, in relation to land under water at the Battery required for the U. S. Government for Barge Office, which, on motion, was accepted and placed on file.

The Mayor submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The following preamble and resolution have passed the Common Council and been approved by the Mayor, that is to say:

"Whereas, By an act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed April 30, 1866, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York were permitted, authorized and empowered to cede, grant and convey to the United States of America, upon such terms and for such price as might be agreed upon with the authorities of the United States, all their estate, right, title and interest of, in and to so much and such portion or portions of the easterly end or extremity of the land and lands under water commonly known as the Battery extension in the City of New York, with the open slips or basin at the easterly end thereof, as may be required by the United States of America, not exceeding two hundred and fifty feet, and necessary for the purpose of erecting and establishing a barge office and other suitable buildings as more particularly specified in said act; and also to further cede to the United States a right-of-way or passage of not less than seventy-five feet in width from the aforesaid lands and premises over and across the lands adjacent thereto known as the Battery ground, for the purposes of ingress and egress to and from Whitehall street in said city; and

"Whereas, The proper authorities of the United States have caused a survey and description to be made (by a sworn city surveyor) of the premises so required for the purposes aforesaid, in accordance with the terms of said act, which survey is hereto annexed, and which premises, as shown by said survey, are bounded and described as follows, to wit:

"Commencing at a point in the old Battery wall distant two hundred and twenty-five feet in a direct line westerly from the intersection of the easterly end of the said wall with the pier on the west side of Staten Island Ferry slip, and running from thence on a normal line a distance of about two hundred and thirteen feet six inches to the exterior line of the proposed Battery extension, as established by the Harbor Commissioners; thence along the aforesaid exterior line easterly to the westerly side of the pier on the westerly side of the Staten Island Ferry slip; thence northerly along the said pier for the distance of about two hundred and twenty feet to the intersection of the old Battery wall with the said pier; and thence westerly in a direct line to the place of beginning; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Mayor and the Clerk of the Common Council of the City of New York do execute and deliver to the United States of America a proper deed of conveyance, to be approved by the Council to the Corporation of said City, of the premises hereinabove described; and also the right-of-way over the Battery to Whitehall street, as above described. That said conveyance be made for and upon such pecuniary consideration, nominal or otherwise, as shall be agreed upon by and between the United States and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City and County of New York, and upon the proviso and condition, to be embodied in said conveyance, that the said lands under water, or so much thereof as may be required by the United States for the purposes aforesaid, shall be filled in wholly by and at the expense of the United States; and that the filling-in and construction of the exterior wall of the Battery extension in front of the lands so conveyed shall be made by and at the expense of the United States; such exterior wall to be equal in character and quality to that in front of the other portion of the said Battery extension; and upon the further proviso and condition that a staircase shall be erected by and at the expense of the United States at some convenient place upon the premises for the accommodation of boats' crews in the service of the War, Navy and Post-office departments, and of foreign national vessels; and also upon the proviso and condition that the said right-of-way across the Battery shall not be inclosed, but shall always continue to be an open way; and also upon the proviso and condition that the title thereby conveyed shall revert to the City whenever the said premises shall cease to be used and occupied by the United States for a barge office and other suitable buildings and structures for the transaction of public business connected with the United States revenue service, and for the landing of revenue and other government boats and barges for the use, convenience and accommodation of the United States Custom-house for the port of New York"; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are of the opinion that the interests of the City of New York would be promoted by a conveyance to the United States Government of the premises therein described for the purposes therein mentioned, and that, in view of the mutual interests of the City and Government, such conveyance should be for a mere nominal consideration; therefore

Resolved, That, pursuant to the provisions of said resolution, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund agree upon and fix the consideration of said conveyance at five dollars, and consent that a conveyance be made in accordance with the terms of said resolution for that price.

The following bills were presented and, on motion, ordered paid, viz.:

Bill of G. W. Smith, Surveyor, for making finished atlas of ten maps of the shore of Harlem river, from Eighty-fifth to One Hundred and Eighty-fifth street, showing the original high and low water lines, the Harbor Commissioners' exterior lines, etc., embracing a front on the Harlem river of about 32,000 lineal feet, at 12 cents per foot, \$3,840.

(Messrs. G. A. Sage, G. B. Molindy and William T. Black, city surveyor, appeared before the Commissioners and, after examining the said maps, decided that the bill was fair and moderate.)

Bill of P. H. Kingsland for searches for taxes, assessments, etc., on property between Third and Lexington avenues and Fifty-second and Fifty-seventh streets, \$38.

The following preamble and resolution was submitted and adopted, viz.:

Whereas, In conformity to the ordinance in relation to the Sinking Fund, passed February 22, 1844, it is necessary that a certificate be given under the hands of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund setting forth that all real estate sold under their direction was sold pursuant to said ordinance; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby certify that the real estate hereafter enumerated was sold under our direction and in conformity with the provisions of the aforesaid ordinance, and that the price set opposite each lot is the true price for which the same was sold; and that the amount stated as having been paid on account of the purchase money on each and every lot of the said lots has been paid into the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, and the balance of the purchase money secured by bond and mortgage:

Plot.	Lot No.	NAMES OF PURCHASERS.	CONSIDERATION PAID.	AMOUNT OF CASH PAID.	AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE.
D	1	Jacob F. Wyckoff.....	\$4,575 00	\$1,372 50	\$3,202 50
F	1	Bryan McCahill.....	10,000 00	10,000 00	.....

PLOT.	LOT NO.	NAMES OF PURCHASERS.	CONSIDERATION PAID.	AMOUNT OF CASH PAID.	AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE.
F	2	Hermann H. Brunges.....	\$14,500 00	\$4,350 00	\$10,150 00
G	1	Sixth Avenue R. R. Co.....	8,200 00	8,200 00	.....
"	2	Charles M. Connolly.....	7,100 00	2,130 00	4,970 00
"	3	"	7,100 00	2,130 00	4,970 00
"	4	Aaron Kamak	8,100 00	2,430 00	11,340 00
"	5	"	8,100 00	2,430 00	
H	10	"	8,800 00	2,640 00	6,160 00
"	11	"	8,800 00	2,640 00	6,160 00
"	12	"	8,800 00	2,640 00	6,160 00
"	13	"	8,800 00	2,640 00	6,160 00
"	19	Napoleon J. Haines	8,100 00	2,430 00	5,670 00
"	21	Aaron Kamak.....	11,500 00	3,450 00	8,050 00
"	22	"	7,800 00	2,340 00	5,460 00
"	26	John McCaffil.....	8,000 00	2,400 00	5,600 00
"	28	Wm. J. & Henry Donald.....	9,000 00	2,700 00	6,300 00
"	30	George H. Whipple.....	10,400 00	3,120 00	7,280 00
"	31	"	20,250 00	6,075 00	14,175 00
"	32	"	16,400 00	4,920 00	11,480 00
"	35	John Taylor.....	10,900 00	3,270 00	7,630 00
"	36	Henry Lux.....	7,500 00	2,250 00	5,250 00
"	37	"	7,500 00	2,250 00	5,250 00
"	43	Brewster Lawrence & Brittan.....	5,100 00	1,530 00	13,510 00
"	44	"	4,800 00	1,440 00	
"	45	"	4,800 00	1,440 00	
"	46	"	4,600 00	1,380 00	
"	47	Brewster, Lawrence & Brittan.....	5,600 00	1,680 00	13,020 00
"	48	"	4,600 00	1,380 00	
"	49	"	4,200 00	1,260 00	
"	50	"	4,200 00	1,260 00	
"	51	Brewster, Lawrence & Brittan.....	3,600 00	1,080 00	12,320 00
"	52	"	3,600 00	1,080 00	
"	53	"	4,300 00	1,290 00	
"	54	"	6,100 00	1,830 00	
"	55	Brewster, Lawrence & Brittan.....	4,500 00	1,350 00	12,600 00
"	56	"	4,500 00	1,350 00	
"	57	"	4,500 00	1,350 00	
"	58	"	4,500 00	1,350 00	
"	62	Thomas Murphy.....	5,600 00	1,680 00	3,920 00

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H	63	Aaron Kamak.....	\$10,500 00	\$3,150 00	\$7,350 00
"	65	William J. Donald.....	7,500 00	2,250 00	5,250 00
"	66	Henry Donald.....	7,500 00	2,250 00	5,250 00
I	1	Adolf Levinger.....	4,800 00	1,440 00	3,360 00
"	3	William Haight.....	4,500 00	1,350 00	6,370 00
"	4	".....	4,600 00	1,380 00	
"	7	Peter Mager.....	6,600 00	1,980 00	4,620 00
"	12	Samuel Montgomery.....	9,800 00	2,940 00	6,860 00
"	13	Walter Brady.....	3,750 00	1,125 00	2,625 00
"	17	Max Herzog and others.....	3,600 00	1,080 00	5,075 00
"	18	".....	3,650 00	1,095 00	
"	19	Robert Pettigrew.....	4,050 00	1,215 00	2,835 00
"	20	James Williams.....	4,300 00	1,290 00	3,010 00
"	21	Rachel V. Place.....	10,000 00	3,000 00	7,000 00
"	22	Picken & Casely.....	7,100 00	2,130 00	4,970 00
"	23	Henry Schmidt.....	7,100 00	2,130 00	4,970 00
"	25	George F. Steinbrenner.....	7,300 00	2,190 00	5,110 00
"	26	John Wendel.....	7,300 00	2,190 00	5,110 00
"	27	".....	7,700 00	2,310 00	5,390 00
"	28	".....	11,500 00	3,450 00	8,050 00
"	29	Max Herzog and others.....	4,000 00	1,200 00	10,885 00
"	30	".....	3,800 00	1,140 00	
"	31	".....	7,750 00	1,125 00	
"	32	".....	4,000 00	1,200 00	
"	33	William Monahan.....	3,900 00	1,170 00	2,730 00
"	35	William Matthews.....	3,550 00	3,550 00	.....
"	36	".....	4,000 00	4,000 00	.....
"	37	Isaac Griggs.....	11,500 00	3,450 00	8,050 00
"	38	".....	7,600 00	2,280 00	5,320 00
"	40	Francis X. Baument.....	7,400 00	2,220 00	5,180 00
"	46	Francis Geis.....	4,300 00	1,290 00	3,010 00
"	47	Ferdinand T. Hopkins.....	4,400 00	1,320 00	3,080 00
"	48	Thomas Murphy.....	4,100 00	1,230 00	2,870 00
"	67	Thomas C. Higgins.....	1,850 00	555 00	1,295 00
"	68	Rebecca T. Mathews.....	1,450 00	1,450 00
"	69	".....	1,450 00	1,450 00
"	70	".....	1,450 00	1,450 00

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I	71	Griffith Rowe.....	\$1,600 00	\$480 00	\$3,360 00
"	72	"	1,600 00	480 00	
"	73	"	1,600 00	480 00	
"	74	Peter Asten.....	1,250 00	1,250 00
J	1	Rebecca T. Mathews.....	2,900 00	2,900 00	.....
"	2	James Galway.....	2,850 00	855 00	1,995 00
K	1	Aaron Kamak	22,800 00	6,840 00	15,960 00
"	2	George Bank.....	16,700 00	5,010 00	11,690 00
"	3	"	16,700 00	5,010 00	11,690 00
"	4	Simon Sternberger.....	18,000 00	5,400 00	12,600 00
"	5	"	10,100 00	3,030 00	7,070 00
"	6	Edward A. Boyle.....	8,500 00	2,550 00	5,950 00
"	7	"	8,500 00	2,550 00	5,950 00
"	8	Max Herzog and others.....	7,000 00	2,100 00	14,700 00
"	9	"	7,000 00	2,100 00	
"	10	"	7,000 00	2,100 00	
"	11	A. Scholle.....	7,000 00	7,000 00	.....
"	12	Aaron Arnold.....	6,900 00	2,900 00	4,000 00
"	13	Napoleon J. Haines.....	7,800 00	2,340 00	5,460 00
"	14	John Foley.....	10,100 00	3,030 00	17,150 00
"	15	"	7,000 00	2,100 00	
"	16	"	7,400 00	2,220 00	
"	17	Napoleon J. Haines.....	7,200 00	2,160 00	5,040 00
"	19	Max Herzog and others.....	7,800 00	2,340 00	21,840 00
"	20	"	7,800 00	2,340 00	
"	21	"	7,800 00	2,340 00	
"	22	"	7,800 00	2,340 00	6,375 00
"	23	Catharine Bradley.....	9,100 00	2,730 00	
"	24	"	6,250 00	1,875 00	
"	25	Forbes Holland.....	6,250 00	1,875 00	4,375 00
"	26	Catharine Bradley.....	6,250 00	1,875 00	4,375 00
"	28	John R. Terry.....	5,600 00	1,680 00	3,920 00
"	29	"	5,600 00	1,680 00	3,920 00
"	30	Thomas McLeland.....	5,800 00	1,740 00	4,060 00
"	31	"	5,800 00	1,740 00	4,060 00
"	32	"	5,800 00	1,740 00	4,060 00
"	33	Mary A. Manahan.....	4,500 00	1,350 00	3,150 00
"	34	William C. Hunter.....	4,200 00	1,260 00	2,940 00

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K	35	Michael K. Burke.....	\$4,500 00	\$4,500 00
"	36	"	4,000 00	4,000 00
"	37	William Mathews.....	3,850 00	3,850 00
"	38	"	3,850 00	3,850 00	.....
L	1	Aaron Kanak.....	19,100 00	5,730 00	\$13,370 00
"	2	Joseph Freedman.....	14,300 00	4,290 00	10,010 00
"	3	Joseph Kohner.....	14,600 00	4,380 00	10,220 00
"	4	Mayer Sternberger.....	14,600 00	4,380 00	10,220 00
"	5	"	8,800 00	2,640 00	6,160 00
"	6	Ferdinand Meyer.....	6,500 00	1,950 00	4,550 00
"	7	"	6,300 00	1,890 00	4,410 00
"	8	Richard Fisher.....	6,250 00	1,875 00	4,375 00
"	9	Nelson Sherwood.....	6,300 00	1,890 00	4,410 00
"	10	Anna L. Haas	6,000 00	1,800 00	4,200 00
"	13	Solomon Freedman.....	5,100 00	1,530 00	3,570 00
"	14	"	7,800 00	2,160 00	5,640 00
"	15	William Cauldwell.....	5,700 00	1,710 00	3,990 00
"	16	Horace P. Whitney.....	5,700 00	1,710 00	3,990 00
"	17	Cauldwell & Whitney.....	5,700 00	1,710 00	3,990 00
"	18	John Keogh.....	6,700 00	2,010 00	4,690 00
"	20	Samuel Bachrach.....	4,600 00	1,600 00	6,000 00
"	21	"	4,600 00	1,600 00	
"	27	Walter Roche.....	2,400 00	2,400 00	.....
"	28	"	2,400 00	2,400 00	.....
"	29	Thomas McLelland.....	2,900 00	870 00	2,030 00
"	30	Daniel Cunningham.....	4,800 00	1,440 00	5,390 00
"	31	"	2,900 00	870 00	
"	32	Thomas McLelland.....	2,800 00	840 00	1,960 00
"	33	William Mathews.....	2,900 00	2,900 00	.....
"	34	"	2,900 00	2,900 00	.....
"	35	"	2,900 00	2,900 00	.....
M	1	Joseph M. Koehler.....	17,000 00	5,100 00	11,900 00
"	2	"	12,750 00	3,825 00	8,925 00
"	3	"	12,750 00	3,825 00	8,925 00
"	4	"	12,750 00	3,825 00	8,925 00
"	5	"	6,100 00	1,830 00	4,270 00
"	8	Aaron Jacobs.....	5,400 00	1,620 00	3,780 00
"	9	"	5,400 00	1,620 00	3,780 00

Plot.	Lot No.	NAMES OF PURCHASERS.	CONSIDERATION PAID.	AMOUNT OF CASH PAID.	AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE.
M	10	William C. Hunter.....	\$5,100 00	\$1,530 00	\$3,570 00
"	11	Sharon P. Chapin.....	4,900 00	1,470 00	3,430 00
"	12	Daniel O'Connor.....	4,500 00	4,500 00	.....
"	13	".....	5,300 00	5,300 00	.....
"	14	".....	6,600 00	1,600 00	5,000 00
"	16	Francis W. Haines.....	5,000 00	1,500 00	3,500 00
"	17	".....	5,000 00	1,500 00	3,500 00
"	18	Owen Bannan.....	5,800 00	1,740 00	4,060 00
"	19	Bernard McKenna.....	5,800 00	1,740 00	4,060 00
"	20	James M. Constable.....	5,700 00	6,000 00	12,000 00
"	21	".....	7,000 00		
"	22	".....	5,300 00		
"	23	Gustavus Conover.....	5,000 00	5,000 00	10,000 00
"	24	".....	5,000 00		
"	25	".....	5,000 00		
"	26	Aaron Arnold.....	5,000 00	8,600 00	15,000 00
"	27	".....	6,800 00		
"	28	".....	6,200 00		
"	29	".....	6,200 00		
"	30	Napoleon J. Haines.....	7,700 00	2,310 00	5,390 00
"	31	".....	17,800 00	5,340 00	12,460 00
"	32	Lewis J. Phillips.....	12,000 00	3,600 00	8,400 00
"	33	".....	12,000 00	3,600 00	8,400 00
O	1	Ernest Keyser.....	3,500 00	1,700 00	1,800 00
P	1	John Webber.....	2,500 00	750 00	5,005 00
"	2	".....	1,850 00	555 00	
"	3	".....	1,400 00	420 00	
"	4	".....	1,400 00	420 00	
"	5	John Webber.....	1,400 00	420 00	2,740 00
"	6	".....	1,400 00	420 00	
"	7	".....	1,400 00	420 00	
"	8	Michael Phelan.....	3,000 00	900 00	2,100 00
Q	1	Bernard Stern.....	2,160 00	630 00	1,470 00
"	2	Rebecca T. Mathews.....	3,600 00	3,600 00	.....
S	1	Hermann Polye.....	5,900 00	1,770 00	4,130 00
"	2	Thomas Morrell.....	3,120 00	930 00	2,170 00
"	3	William Mathews.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....
"	4	".....	2,500 00	2,900 00	.....

Plot.	Lot No.	NAMES OF PURCHASER.	CONSIDERATION PAID.	AMOUNT OF CASH PAID.	AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE.
S	5	Ellen Beaman.....	\$2,950 00	\$885 00	\$2,065 00
"	6	Frederick Seba'd.....	4,400 00	1,320 00	3,080 00
"	9	William A. Freeborn.....	3,000 00	900 00	8,400 00
"	10	".....	3,000 00	900 00	
"	11	".....	3,000 00	900 00	
"	12	".....	3,000 00	900 00	
"	13	Thomas Murphy.....	3,250 00	975 00	4,550 00
"	14	".....	3,250 00	975 00	
"	15	Meyer Stern.....	3,300 00	990 00	6,930 00
"	16	".....	3,300 00	990 00	
"	17	".....	3,300 00	990 00	
"	18	Thomas Murphy.....	3,550 00	1,065 00	2,485 00
"	19	Aaron Arnold.....	3,600 00	4,400 00	10,000 00
"	20	".....	3,600 00		
"	21	".....	3,600 00		
"	22	".....	3,600 00		
"	23	Owen Keenan.....	4,300 00	1,290 00	3,010 00
"	24	William Mathews.....	4,400 00	4,400 00	.....
"	25	".....	4,400 00	4,400 00	.....
"	26	".....	4,400 00	4,400 00	.....
"	27	".....	4,400 00	4,400 00	.....
"	28	Thomas J. McEvily.....	4,600 00	1,380 00	3,220 00
"	29	James Ledwith.....	5,000 00	1,500 00	3,500 00
"	30	Ephraim & Saml. Japha.....	4,700 00	1,410 00	3,290 00
"	31	".....	4,700 00	1,410 00	3,290 00
"	32	".....	5,700 00	1,710 00	3,990 00
"	33	Thomas & Michael Kane.....	5,500 00	1,650 00	3,850 00
"	34	".....	12,100 00	3,630 00	8,470 00
"	35	".....	9,000 00	2,700 00	6,300 00
"	36	".....	8,500 00	2,550 00	5,950 00
"	37	Simon Lightstone.....	8,200 00	2,460 00	5,740 00
T	1	Thomas Murphy.....	2,700 00	810 00	19,460 00
"	2	".....	2,000 00	600 00	
"	3	".....	2,000 00	600 00	
"	4	".....	2,000 00	600 00	
"	5	".....	2,000 00	600 00	
"	6	".....	2,000 00	600 00	
"	7	".....	2,000 00	600 00	

Plot.	Lot No.	NAMES OF PURCHASERS.	CONSIDERATION PAID.	AMOUNT OF CASH PAID.	AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE.
T	8	Thomas Murphy.....	\$3,300 00	\$990 00	
"	9	"	1,600 00	480 00	
"	18	"	1,700 00	510 00	
"	19	"	1,700 00	510 00	
"	20	"	1,700 00	510 00	
"	24 & 25	{ " each \$1,550 } " " 1,550 }	3,100 00	930 00	
"	10	J. Louis Isablari.....	1,600 00	480 00	\$1,120 00
"	13	James A. Stewart.....	1,100 00	330 00	770 00
"	14	Newbold Lawrence.....	1,050 00	315 00	
"	15	"	1,050 00	315 00	
"	16	"	1,050 00	315 00	
"	17	"	1,050 00	315 00	
"	21	Alexander Brandon.....	1,950 00	585 00	1,365 00
"	22	Hermann Michaelis.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....
"	23	"	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....
"	26	Max Herzog and others.....	1,700 00	510 00	
"	27	"	1,700 00	510 00	
"	28	"	1,700 00	510 00	
"	29	"	1,700 00	510 00	
"	30	Louis Strasburger.....	1,800 00	540 00	1,260 00
"	31	"	1,800 00	540 00	1,260 00
"	32	William A. Freeborn.....	1,950 00	585 00	
"	33	"	1,950 00	585 00	
"	34	"	1,950 00	585 00	
"	35	Patrick Conway.....	2,100 00	630 00	1,470 00
"	36	"	2,100 00	630 00	1,470 00
"	37	"	8,300 00	2,490 00	5,810 00
"	38	"	5,100 00	530 00	3,570 00
"	41	Mary Burke.....	2,200 00	660 00	1,540 00
"	42	William A. Freeborn.....	2,100 00	630 00	
"	43	"	2,100 00	630 00	
"	44	"	2,100 00	630 00	
"	45	"	2,100 00	630 00	
Total Amounts.....			\$1,471,975 00	\$523,147 50	\$948,827 50

RECAPITULATION.

The deeds of 263 lots were delivered previous to January, 1, 1867; amount
for which they were sold was..... \$1,471,975 00

Payments as follows:

Cash, as shown by Chamberlain's receipts.....	\$523,147 50
Mortgages given.....	948,827 50
	<u>\$1,471,975 00</u>

NEW YORK, January 4, 1867.

WM. W. BURNHAM, Bookkeeper.

The assets of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt on the 31st
of December, 1866, were as follows, viz.:

Bonds and stocks of City.....	\$8,901,187 00
Bonds and stocks of County.....	1,176,400 00
	<u>\$10,077,587 00</u>
Revenue Bonds (temporary) of 1866.....	550,000 00
	<u>\$10,627,587 00</u>
Cash balance, National Broadway Bank, as per certificate of cashier.....	612,711 11
	<u>\$11,240,298 11</u>
Actual amount of Sinking Fund Debt Account.....	<u>\$11,240,298 11</u>
Amount of bonds and mortgages held in trust for said account.....	<u>\$1,005,324 19</u>

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.
DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.
A. H. KEECH, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 19, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office January 19, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

On motion, the Mayor was appointed Chairman.

On motion of the Comptroller, W. H. Dikeman was appointed Clerk; salary same as last year.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the Common Council submitting the following preamble and resolutions, approved by the Mayor January 5, 1867, viz. :

Whereas, A sale was made on the 21st, 22d, 23d and 24th of May, 1866, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, of certain lots of land claimed to be part of the common lands belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, lying between Fifty-second and Fifty-seventh streets and west of the Third avenue in said city; and

Whereas, Henry Brevoort, of the Town of Rye, and Jacob D. Odell, of Yonkers, in Westchester County, claim to own in fee some of the lots so sold; and

Whereas, Suits are now and for a long time have been pending between said Brevoort and Odell and the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in respect to some of the lots and parcels of land to which said claim of said Brevoort and Odell relates; and

Whereas, The purchasers at said sale of the lots the title whereof is in dispute as aforesaid by reason thereof refused to complete their said purchases; and

Whereas, The said Brevoort and Odell have proposed to the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to compromise and settle all of said conflicting claims and all pending suits in relation thereto on certain terms specified in their said proposition; and

Whereas, The said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, upon full examination and consideration of said proposition, resolved, at a meeting of said Commissioners held December 11, 1866 (among other things), that the said proposition for a compromise should be accepted so far as the said Commissioners had power in the premises, and that the Corporation Counsel and Joseph S. Bosworth, Esq., be requested, on behalf of said Commissioners, to agree with the counsel of said Brevoort and Odell upon the details of said compromise and the precise proportion of the purchase moneys of the lots in question to be paid on said compromise to said Brevoort and Odell; and

Whereas, Said Corporation Counsel and Joseph S. Bosworth, Esq., as appears from a communication from them to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, dated December, A. D. 1866, have agreed with the counsel for said Brevoort and Odell upon the details of said compromise and upon the sum of eighty-four thousand four hundred and nineteen dollars as the sum to be paid to said Brevoort and Odell as their portion of the purchase moneys of the lots in question, to be paid to them upon their executing a good and sufficient release of all their said claims; and

Whereas, It appears to be for the interest of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York that the said proposed compromise be carried into effect; therefore it is

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York be and they are hereby authorized to carry the said proposed compromise into complete and full effect, and to pay to said Brevoort and Odell out of the purchase moneys of the lots in question as aforesaid the said sum of eighty-four thousand four hundred and nineteen dollars, in full settlement and satisfaction of all of the aforesaid claims of said Brevoort and Odell, upon the execution and delivery by them of a release (to be approved as to the form thereof by the Corporation Counsel to the City), executed and acknowledged by themselves and the wife of said Odell, of all their claims upon and estate and interest in the lands aforesaid, lying between Forty-eighth and Fifty-seventh streets and the Fourth avenue and the easterly line of the common land of said City, as said easterly line of said common land is laid down by Isaac T. Ludlam, City Surveyor, on a map on file in the Comptroller's Office of the City of New York, dated June, 1827, and entitled, "Atlas of the Common Land belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York," and also that the Counsel of the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized, upon the said compromise being carried into effect and the said release being executed and delivered, to discontinue and consent to the discontinuance of all pending suits relating to the subject-matter so compromised, upon the terms of each party paying his own costs.

On motion, the preamble and resolution were approved and the following resolution adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to carry out the compromise with Messrs. Brevoort and Odell for the settlement of the disputed title to lands lying between Forty-eighth and Fifty-seventh streets and west of the Third avenue, on the basis of the resolution of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor January 5, 1867, and to pay to Messrs. Brevoort and Odell the sum of eighty-four thousand four hundred and nineteen dollars upon their delivering to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York a release of the premises referred to in said resolution and discontinuing all proceedings at law in relation thereto, without costs

to either party, whenever, after the completion of searches, the Counsel to the Corporation and J. S. Bosworth, Esq., his associate counsel, shall certify that there are no objections to the said payment.

The Mayor submitted the following preamble and resolution in relation to land between Fourth and Fifth avenues and Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets, included in Hamilton Square, which, on motion, were adopted, a copy to be forwarded to the Hon. John E. Develin, member of the Legislature:

Whereas, The piece of land lying between the Fourth and Fifth avenues and Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets, in the City of New York, is included in and forms part of Hamilton Square as laid down on the map or plan of the Commissioners appointed in and by the act of the Legislature entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching "the laying out of roads and streets in the City of New York and for other purposes," passed April 3, 1807; and

Whereas, At the time of the adoption of said map or plan the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York were seized in fee simple of the whole of said piece of land, and still continue seized of the northerly part thereof (being all that part which lies between Sixty-seventh street if the same should be extended from the Fourth avenue to the Fifth avenue and Sixty-eighth street), but have sold and conveyed by a full covenant deed, dated on the 17th of October, 1827, the southerly part thereof (being all that part which lies between Sixty-sixth street and Sixty-seventh street if so extended); and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York did, in the month of May last, sell at public auction the block of land lying between Sixty-seventh street if so extended and Sixty-eighth street and the Fourth and Fifth avenues to various persons; and

Whereas, The purchasers at said sale made in May last of said block of land have refused to complete their respective purchases on the ground that the said block is laid down on the said map or plan of the City of New York as part of a public square; and

Whereas, That part of Hamilton Square as laid down on the said map or plan which lies between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets and the Fourth and Fifth avenues in said city has never been opened; and

Whereas, The laying out and opening of the Central Park since the adoption of the said map or plan of the City of New York have rendered it wholly unnecessary and useless to open such part of Hamilton Square as lies between the Fourth and Fifth avenues; therefore be it

Resolved, That application be made to the Legislature of the State of New York, in behalf of the City of New York, to discontinue on the said map or plan of the City of New York all that part of Hamilton Square which lies between the Fourth and Fifth

avenues, and to extend the street designated on the said map or plan as Sixty-seventh street from the Fourth to the Fifth avenue, and that the Representatives in the Legislature from the City of New York be requested to aid in the passage of the proper law for that purpose.

The Mayor also submitted the following draft of "An Act to alter the Map or Plan of the City of New York," which, on motion, was adopted, a copy to be sent to the Hon. John E. Develin, of the Legislature, viz.:

"An Act to alter the map or plan of the City of New York by discontinuing so much of Hamilton Square laid down on the said map or plan as lies between the Fourth and Fifth avenues and Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets in said city.

"The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

"Sec. 1. All that part of Hamilton square as laid down on the map or plan of the commissioners appointed in and by the act of the legislature, entitled, 'An Act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of streets and roads in the city of New York, and for other purposes,' passed April 3, 1807, which lies between the Fourth and Fifth avenues and Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets in said city, shall cease to be considered as a public square or place or as reserved for public purposes.

"Sec. 2. The street designated on said map or plan as Sixty-seventh street shall be extended from the Fourth avenue to the Fifth avenue on a line parallel with and equidistant from Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets, and the said map or plan is hereby altered accordingly.

"Sec. 3. The owners of the lands which shall be included in the blocks or plots of ground to be formed by such extension of said Sixty-seventh street shall have, hold, occupy, possess and enjoy the same in like manner as they would have been entitled to do if the said lands had not been designated on the said map or plan as reserved for public use and the said street had been originally so extended on the said map or plan.

"Sec. 4. Whenever said Sixty-seventh street, between the Fourth and Fifth avenues, shall be opened the damage and benefit shall be estimated, assessed and paid in like manner as the same would have been done if the said street had been originally so extended between said avenues on the said map or plan.

"Sec. 5. This act shall take effect immediately."

The Comptroller submitted a list of the holders of the "Five Per Cent. Fire Indemnity Stock of the City of New York," amounting to \$402,768, payable May 10, 1868, and of the "Five Per Cent. Water Stock of the City of New York," amounting to \$3,000,200, payable November 1, 1870, and as both of said stocks are payable from the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, and will become due at an early day, recommended that the balance in the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, which at the present time is \$1,157,500.99, be employed to purchase such amounts of the aforesaid stocks as may from time to time be obtained; when, on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to make investments on account of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt in the bonds and stocks of the City and County of New York, at the current rates, not above par, in his discretion.

The Comptroller called attention to an act in relation to public markets in this city, introduced in the Legislature by Mr. Gridley, and now before that body for final action, when, on motion, the following resolutions were adopted, namely:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, having examined the bill relating to public markets in the City of New York, introduced by Mr. Gridley in the Assembly on the 8th of January, 1867, earnestly remonstrate against the passage thereof. Representing as they do the public creditors, they feel it their duty to declare that said bill is in direct violation of the rights of such creditors, and impairs their lien upon a large amount of property and revenue therefrom by law pledged to the payment of the City debt; and the spirit of the act is in direct violation of the obligations of the City and State to the holders of the City Stock, payable from the Sinking Fund, which the Legislature has heretofore declared should never be violated.

Resolved, That if Markets are to continue to be public property and are to be managed by public authorities, the same should, in the judgment of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, be placed under their control, with power to erect new markets where and whenever necessary, and to receive and apply the income therefrom to the Sinking Fund, to which the revenues of all markets now built are by law pledged.

Resolved, That the Commissioners view with great alarm this first attempt to interfere with the securities sacredly pledged to the Sinking Fund, in which creditors at home and abroad have a deep interest.

Resolved, That in justice to the holders of City securities, who have relied upon the pledged faith of the State in relation to the Sinking Fund, unless the markets can be placed substantially under the control of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, with power as before mentioned, it is better that the entire market property should be sold at once and the proceeds applied to the extinguishment of the City Debt.

Resolved, That the passage of Mr. Gridley's bill, or any similar bill, will not only impair the securities of the public creditors, but increase the amount of the City debt, as well as the rate of taxation.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his Excellency the Governor and to each member of the Senate and Assembly, and that the earnest attention of the Representatives, not only from the City, but from other portions of the State, be invited to the same.

A memorial to the Legislature, to be signed by persons holding portions of the public debt of this City, was adopted as follows, viz.:

To the Honorable the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York in Legislature convened:

The memorial of the undersigned, holders of portions of the public debt of the City of New York, and interested in the continuation of the good faith which has always heretofore been observed by said City in relation to its creditors, respectfully represents that they have noticed with great apprehension that a bill has been introduced into the Assembly entitled "An Act in relation to Public Markets in the City of New York," the effect of which act, if passed, as appears to your memorialists, would be in a great degree to impair the confidence of the creditors of the City and the community at large in the value of the obligations of the City heretofore issued, and for the redemption of which, under the laws relating to the Sinking Fund, all the property of the City has ever been understood to be inviolably pledged. The act referred to authorizes the sale and disposition of a most valuable portion of that property, at the discretion of Commissioners not interested in providing a fund for the redemption of the City debt, and empowers them at will to devote every dollar of the proceeds of said property and the revenue arising therefrom to special purposes. It creates an additional incumbrance to the extent of one million of dollars upon the other property pledged as aforesaid to the creditors of the City. Your memorialists therefore remonstrate against the passage of the said bill, believing as they do that it is fraught with danger to the future good credit and financial standing of the City of New York, and would, in effect, be an act of bad faith toward those who have heretofore advanced their money upon the security of property now sought to be diverted from the purpose to which it has been solemnly pledged.

NEW YORK, January, 1867.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
DANL. DEVLIN, Chamberlain.
CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 11, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office February 11, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The following applications were presented and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1st. Application of Jas. W. McLean and others for a grant for land under water on Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek, at Kingsbridge, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

2d. Application of White Mountain Copper Mining Company to exchange sundry lots for lot and building No. 74 Maiden lane, owned by the Corporation, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to answer.

3d. Application of Frederick Cushman for lease of piers and bulkhead (12, 18, 19 and 20), East river, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to be disposed of with other piers whose leases will expire on the 1st of May next.

4th. Application of National Steam Navigation Company to be released from lease of Pier No. 48, North river, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

5th. Application of Messrs. Williams & Guion for transfer of lease of Pier No. 47, North river, to the National Steam Navigation Company, which, on motion, was to be returned to the applicants, the Commissioners declining to be a party in the matter.

6th. Application of F. A. Tallmadge, Esq., in relation to leasing the Fort Gansevoort property for Franklin Vose, of Albany, to be used as a lumber yard, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

7th. Application of D. S. Wandel for allowance for repairs to piers, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The Comptroller submitted a statement of the docks and slips and other property the leases of which will expire on the 1st of May next, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to advertise for proposals for rent of the same temporarily for one year.

The Comptroller also submitted a statement of arrears of "Ferry," "Dock and Slip," "Market Cellar" and "House" rent, arrears of interest on bonds and mortgages, etc., which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to take such action, by suit or otherwise, as he may deem necessary to collect the same.

The Mayor submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz. :

Whereas, An act is now before the Legislature which transfers from the Mayor's office to the Police Department the business of licensing pawnbrokers and dealers in second-hand articles, etc., and which provides that all license fees and fines and penalties shall be paid over to the Police Commissioners, to be placed to the credit of the fund from which the police are paid; and

Whereas, By an ordinance adopted by the Common Council February 22, 1844, all such license fees were specifically pledged to the Sinking Fund for the Payment of the Principal of the City Debt, and all such fines and penalties to the Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on such City Debt; and

Whereas, By an act passed May 13, 1845, the Legislature of the State expressly declared that said ordinance should remain in full force until the whole of the Croton Water Debt should be redeemed; and

Whereas, The faith of the City and State is pledged to non-interference with the revenues specifically set apart for the Sinking Fund; therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on behalf of the public creditors, remonstrate against all legislation which diverts from the Sinking Fund the license fees and fines and penalties aforesaid, or which interferes in any way with any revenues pledged as aforesaid to said fund.

Resolved, That a copy of the aforesaid preamble and resolution be transmitted to the Governor and to each member of the Legislature.

The Comptroller called attention to an act introduced in the Senate by Mr. Low entitled, "An Act to establish a Metropolitan Board of Public Works," etc., which, if adopted by the Legislature, will divert certain revenues from the Sinking Fund which are by law pledged to said fund, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation and A. R. Lawrence, Esq., be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to appear before the Legislature or its committees, at Albany, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and to oppose

the passage of those sections of the bill to create a "Metropolitan Board of Public Works" relating to the revenues which have been pledged by the laws of the State and the ordinances of the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York for the payment of the principal or interest of the City debt, and any and all other acts interfering with the Sinking Fund or its revenues; and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he hereby is authorized to employ such additional counsel as he may deem proper.

The Hon. J. S. Bosworth and the Counsel to the Corporation, who were requested by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, passed December 11, 1866, to agree with the counsel of Messrs. Brevoort and Odell upon the details of the compromise agreed upon by the said parties and the precise proportion of the purchase moneys of the lots in question to be paid on said compromise to said Brevoort and Odell, reported as follows, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

The undersigned have examined the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held December 11, 1866, in relation to a compromise of the claims of Brevoort and Odell in respect to lots and real estate between Forty-eighth and Fifty-seventh streets and west of the Third avenue in the City of New York.

The undersigned have complied with the request contained in the first of said resolutions, whereby they were requested, "On behalf of said Commissioners, to agree with the counsel for said Brevoort and Odell upon the details of said compromise and the precise proportion of the purchase moneys of the lots in question to be paid on said compromise to said Brevoort and Odell."

At the instance of the undersigned, Mr. George W. Smith, City Surveyor, has measured and marked on the map thereof the length of the lines containing the lots and parcels of land the proceeds of which by the proposed compromise are to be divided between the City and Messrs. Brevoort and Odell, and he has also computed and marked on the map the contents of each of said lots and parcels. He has also protracted on the sales map of the common lands used at the sale of common lands made May 21, 22, 23 and 24, 1866, by the City, the line forming, for the purpose of said compromise, the westerly boundary line of the parcels so to be divided, the easterly boundary thereof being the easterly boundary of the common lands as laid down on said sales map and as also laid down by Isaac T. Ludlam, City Surveyor, on a map on file in the Comptroller's office of the City of New York, dated June, 1827, and entitled "Atlas of the Common Lands belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York."

So much of the lots and parcels of land so to be divided as lies between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-sixth streets and west of Third avenue is valued for the purposes of said compromise at twenty-two thousand dollars.

This valuation has been approved of and is recommended as a fair one, having a regard to the interests of the City, by Mr. Henry McCadden, Jr., who examined the same at the instance of the Comptroller. The proposed compromise excludes all claims of Messrs. Brevoort and Odell to lands between Fifty-ninth and Fifty-sixth streets. They claim a strip fronting on Third avenue and extending southerly from Fifty-sixth to Fifty-fifth street and westerly from Third avenue some fifty feet.

The claim of Messrs. Brevoort and Odell to lands between Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth streets, lying west of Lots Nos. 33 and 48, as laid down on said sales map, was waived by their counsel. The lots between said streets the proceeds of which, according to said compromise, are to be divided, are numbered on said sales map and were sold at said sale at prices as next hereinafter stated, to wit:

Lot No. 48, sold for.....	\$4,100 00
" 47, "	4,400 00
" 46, "	4,300 00
" 45, "	6,100 00
" 44, "	12,000 00
" 43, "	8,900 00
" 42, "	8,200 00
" 41, "	8,600 00
" 40, "	7,400 00
" 39, "	7,300 00
" 38, "	7,600 00
" 37, "	11,500 00
" 36, "	4,000 00
" 35, "	3,550 00
" 34, "	3,600 00
" 33, "	3,900 00
Total	<u>\$105,450 00</u>

In respect to the lots and parcels of land between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, it was agreed that Messrs. Brevoort and Odell should waive all claims to any part of Lot No. 58 and that the proceeds of Lot No. 59 should be divided.

The counsel for Messrs. Brevoort and Odell also waived all claim to any part of the large piece of land heretofore sold by the City to Christopher Heiser, between last said two streets, east of Lot No. 57 and south of Lots Nos. 51, 52, 53 and 54, laid down on said sales map. The lots between last said two streets, the proceeds of which, according to said compromise, are to be divided, are numbered on said sales map and were sold at said sale at prices as next hereinafter stated, to wit:

Lot No. 57, sold for.....	\$4,000 00
" 56, "	2,800 00
" 55, "	5,300 00
" 54, "	4,700 00
" 53, "	4,400 00
" 52, "	4,000 00
" 51, "	4,000 00
" 50, "	4,000 00
" 49, "	4,000 00
Total	<u>\$37,200 00</u>

In respect to the lots and parcels of land between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, it was agreed that Messrs. Brevoort and Odell should waive all claims to any part of Lot No. 65, and that the proceeds of Lot No. 60 should be divided at a valuation

of \$3,600. The lots between last said two streets the proceeds of which, according to said compromise, are to be divided, are numbered on said sales map and were sold at said sale at prices as next hereinafter stated (except Lot No. 60, which sold at \$4,100), to wit:

Lot No. 63, sold for.....	\$3,600 00
" 64, "	4,000 00
" 60, valued at.....	3,600 00
" 61, sold for.....	3,850 00
" 62, "	3,900 00
Total	\$18,950 00

RECAPITULATION.

The price or proceeds of lots which, according to said compromise, are to be divided is—

For lands between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets.....	\$22,000 00
For lands between Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth streets.....	105,450 00
For lands between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets.....	37,200 00
For lands between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets.....	18,950 00
Total	\$183,600 00

One-half of this sum is \$91,800. Messrs. Brevoort and Odell claim title to lots and real estate between Forty-eighth and Fifty-seventh streets and west of the Third avenue, other than such as, for the purposes of the proposed compromise, are to be divided as above and in the way above mentioned. As a part of the terms of the proposed compromise they are to release their claims to all lands between Forty-eighth and Fifty-seventh streets and the Fourth avenue and the easterly line of the common lands of said city as said easterly line is laid down by Isaac T. Ludlam, City Surveyor, on a map on file in the Comptroller's office of the City of New York, dated June, 1827, and entitled, "Atlas of the Common Lands belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York."

From the above sum of \$91,800 there is to be deducted one-half of the amount of assessments heretofore imposed on the lots and parcels of land the proceeds whereof are to be divided as aforesaid. These assessments amount in the aggregate to \$14,762, and one-half is \$7,381.

From the said sum of.....	\$91,800 00
Deduct said sum of.....	7,381 00

And the balance is..... **\$84,419 00**

For the said sum of \$84,419 said Brevoort and Odell are to release to the City Corporation all claims to lands within the limits above stated. Their counsel agree to this. The form of a release, approved by the counsel of the said Brevoort and Odell, and which the latter, together with the wife of said Odell, are to execute, is herewith submitted. This release is, in form, one which, when executed, acknowledged and delivered, will extinguish all claims of said Brevoort and Odell. Herewith is also

submitted a draft resolution, which, when duly passed, will confer all authority requisite to carry into effect the proposed compromise on the part and behalf of the City.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Dated New York, December 24, 1866.

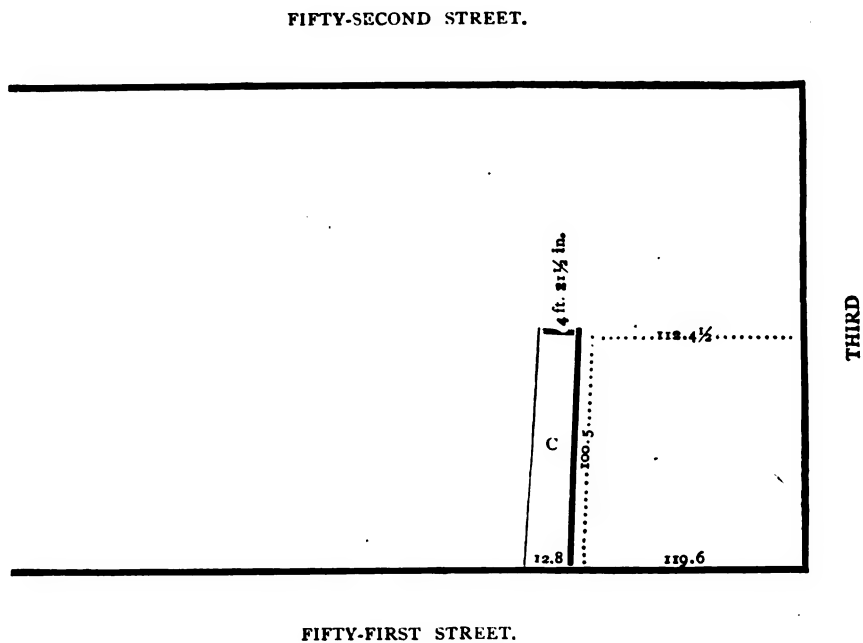
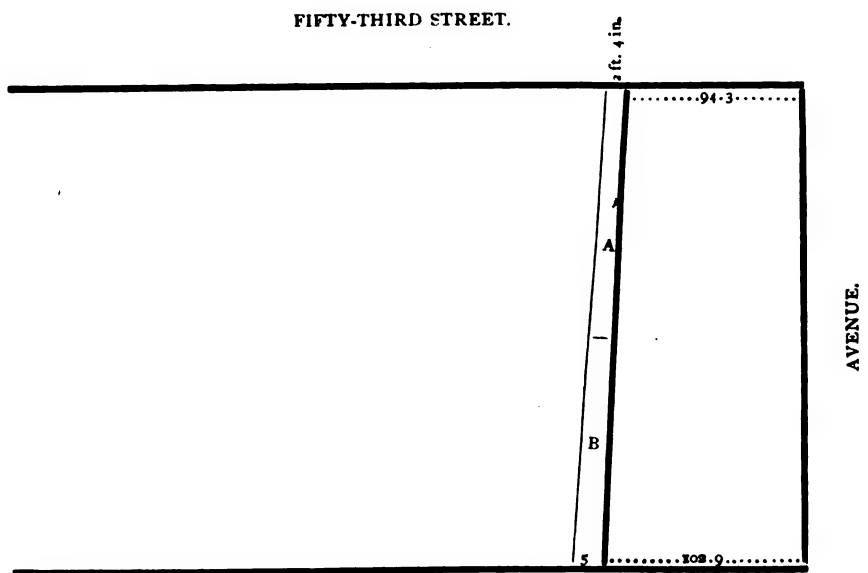
J. S. BOSWORTH.
RICHARD O'GORMAN.

The report was approved.

On motion, the following resolution, submitted by the Mayor, was adopted, viz. :

It appearing from the searches made by the Corporation Counsel that Messrs. Brevoort and Odell have made certain conveyances slightly encroaching on the premises to be released by them to the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York under the compromise lately effected, to wit, on Lots Nos. 62 and 63, between Lexington and Third avenues and Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, on the sales map used at the sale made by order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in May last, and on the lot on the north side of Fifty-first street, in the rear of Lot No. 74 on said map, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York pay to said Brevoort and Odell, on the delivery to the Mayor, etc., of New York of a release, approved by Joseph S. Bosworth and the Corporation Counsel, of the premises particularly described in a resolution of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor January 5, 1867, and on the delivery to the said Mayor, etc., of New York of an indemnity agreement executed by said Brevoort and Odell, also approved by said Joseph S. Bosworth and the Corporation Counsel, and on the said Brevoort and Odell consenting to discontinue the action now pending against the Mayor, etc., of New York, without costs to either party, out of the sum of eighty-four thousand four hundred and nineteen dollars mentioned in said resolution of the Common Council, the sum of eighty thousand dollars, and that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund retain the balance, to wit, four thousand four hundred and nineteen dollars as security against said encroachments, and that the Comptroller of the City of New York pay to said Brevoort and Odell the further sum of five hundred dollars on the purchase of said Lot No. 62 on said map consenting to take a conveyance of so much of said Lot No. 62 as has not been conveyed by said Brevoort and Odell, and on the City Corporation being paid and secured three thousand nine hundred dollars therefor, and that the said Comptroller pay to the said Brevoort and Odell the further sum of one thousand two hundred dollars on the purchase of said Lot No. 63 on said map consenting to take a conveyance of so much of Lot No. 63 as has not been conveyed by said Brevoort and Odell, and on the City Corporation being paid and secured three thousand six hundred dollars therefor; and that the said Comptroller pay the residue of said four thousand four hundred and nineteen dollars, to wit, two thousand seven hundred and nineteen dollars, on the said Brevoort and Odell vesting in the said Mayor, etc., of the City of New York the title to the parcel of land marked (C) on the diagram hereto annexed, on compensating said Mayor, etc., of the



City of New York for the value thereof by exchange or otherwise. The said Comptroller to make such payments in the first two of the three cases last named on being furnished with the certificate of the said Joseph S. Bosworth and the Corporation Counsel, or of the latter, that the said Brevoort and Odell have not conveyed any portion of the part of said Lots Nos. 62 and 63, respectively, which the purchasers thereof may consent to take a conveyance of from said Mayor, etc., of the City of New York; and it is further

Resolved, That such conveyances be executed and that the resolution passed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on January 19, 1867, be and the same is hereby modified accordingly.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 19, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office February 19, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

A communication was received from John Austin Stevens, Jr., Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, transmitting the following resolutions, adopted February 7, 1867, viz.:

Whereas, This Chamber are informed that, in pursuance of the recommendation contained in the report of their special committee, made the 9th of February, 1865, and, upon the application of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Legislature of this State did, on the 30th day of April, 1866, by law, authorize and direct the Commissioners of the Land Office to convey to the United States a portion not to exceed two hundred and fifty feet of the easterly portion of the land and land under water comprised within the limits of what is known as the Battery extension, and did also authorize the corporate authorities of the City of New York to make a like conveyance, upon such terms as should be agreed upon; and

Whereas, The Corporation of this City have, by resolution, duly approved by his Honor the Mayor, directed the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to make the said conveyance and to fix the compensation for the same; and

Whereas, The construction of the exterior and basin walls and the filling of the space adjacent to them, and the preparation of the site for the building and the erection of the same, together with the proper stone stairways, and in view of the manifest advantages resulting thereby in increased security to the harbor, greater accommodations to commerce and important facilities to the whole City, we are clearly of opinion the said conveyance should be made upon a fair consideration; therefore

Resolved, That this Chamber respectfully request and urge the Commissioners of the Land Office of the State and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of this City to have executed without delay the necessary conveyances to the United States, to the

end that this great improvement hereinbefore referred to may be speedily consummated. And, further, that our representatives in Congress be requested to take the necessary steps to procure such appropriation of money by Congress as may be required to complete the improvements and buildings upon the lands so conveyed.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of this Chamber to the Commissioners of the Land Office, to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and to our representatives in Congress.

Attest: JOHN AUSTIN STEVENS, Jr., Secretary.

The resolutions were accepted, and the Mayor submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, Resolutions have been heretofore passed by the Common Council providing for a conveyance to the United States Government, as a site for a revenue barge office and other buildings, of a portion of what is called the Battery extension (the Legislature having passed an act authorizing such conveyance, on such terms and for such price as might be agreed on with the Federal authorities) ; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by resolution, adopted January 5, 1867, fixed the consideration of such conveyance at the nominal sum of five dollars ; and

Whereas, The Corporation Counsel has declined to prepare or approve a conveyance according to such resolutions, for the reason, among other things, that, in his opinion, a conveyance without actual consideration would be a violation of law and of the rights of creditors ; and

Whereas, The property so proposed to be conveyed (excepting only a right-of-way) is no part of the old Battery, but is all land under water lying in front thereof, and cannot be sold by the City for any private use or purpose, and is not now an available security for any creditors of the City ; and

Whereas, The State has released all its interests therein to the United States, and the said land under water is to be filled up at the expense of the United States, and improvements are to be erected thereon by the United States which are demanded by and will greatly advance the commercial interests of the City ; and

Whereas, In view of all these facts, the Chamber of Commerce has, by resolution, recommended that said conveyance be made as aforesaid ; therefore

Resolved, That if no legal objection existed thereto, said conveyance should be made for a merely nominal consideration, but that in view of the objection interposed by the Corporation Counsel, under the law of the State authorizing the sale, we hereby fix the price at ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and the resolution adopted January 5, 1867, is modified accordingly.

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to prepare a deed in accordance herewith.

The Comptroller submitted a deed, executed by Messrs. Brevoort and Odell, dated January 7, 1867, approved by J. S. Bosworth, Esq., and the Counsel to the Corporation, releasing to "The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York" all their title and claim in and to all lands in the City of New York lying between Forty-eighth street on the south, Fifty-seventh street on the north, Fourth avenue on the west and the easterly line of the common lands of said City on the east. Also an agreement, executed by the said Brevoort and Odell, dated February 15, 1867 (as provided for by the resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund January 19, 1867), approved by J. S. Bosworth, Esq., and the Counsel to the Corporation, in which the said Brevoort and Odell assent to the retention by the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York of the sum of \$4,419 until the adjustment of certain encroachments, as shown by the diagram attached to and forming part of said agreement; and covenant and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York against any loss or damage which may ensue to the said Mayor, etc., of the City of New York by reason of certain conveyances to parties therein named of parcels of land designated on the diagram attached to and forming a part of said agreement. Also the consent of the parties interested to discontinue, without costs to either party, all pending suits between Messrs. Brevoort and Odell and the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York in relation to the matters of the compromise by said parties authorized by resolution of the Common Council, adopted January 5, 1867; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of Henry Brevoort and Jacob D. Odell for the sum of eighty-thousand dollars (\$80,000), in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund January 19, 1867.

The Mayor and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards were appointed a committee to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.
JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 6, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 6, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

The Comptroller presented the application of Jeremiah Devlin and Thomas Murphy for water grant on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-fourth and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

The bill of J. S. Bosworth, Esq., for services as counsel in the matter of the compromise and settlement of the claims of Messrs. Brevoort and Odell against the Corporation of the City of New York to lands lying between Forty-eighth and Fifty-seventh streets and Third and Fourth avenues, amounting to three thousand dollars (\$3,000), was presented and, on motion, ordered paid.

The Mayor stated that objections had been made to the passage of the bill to discontinue on the map or plan of the City of New York that portion of Hamilton Square lying between Fourth and Fifth avenues and Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets, included in the sale of real estate made by order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in May, 1866.

He therefore recommended that Samuel Riker, Esq., be employed as counsel on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to proceed to Albany to advocate the passage of the said bill; when, on motion, it was

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Resolved, That Samuel Riker, Esq., be retained as counsel on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the purpose above specified.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

PETER B. SWEENY, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 14, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 14, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, viz.:

NEW YORK, March 14, 1867.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—In the matter of the communication of F. W. J. Hurst, manager of the National Steam Navigation Company, referred to the Comptroller at meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of February 11, 1867, to examine into the subject and report the result to this Board, I beg leave to submit the following statement:

The application from the manager in behalf of the National Steam Navigation Company is to be released from the provisions of the lease of Pier No. 48, North river, on the ground that the slip requires to be dredged, involving an expense of \$60,000, intimating that by an understanding at the time the pier was leased the Corporation were to be at the expense of the dredging; also that in consequence of the bursting of the main sewer through the pier the same is rendered unsafe.

This pier, as shown by the records of this Department, was sold at public auction on the 26th day of April, 1866, to the National Steam Navigation Company for the term of ten years from the 1st day of May, 1866, at the yearly rent of \$12,200. The lease contains express provisions that the pier would be received (by the lessees) on the 1st of May, 1866, in the condition it may be in at that date, and that all repairs, ordinary and extraordinary, would be made by the lessees; and at the expiration of the lease

all improvements to revert to the Corporation. The lease also provides that the dredging of the slip should be performed by the lessees. A provision is inserted giving the Comptroller power to repair and dredge at the expense of the lessees after giving five days' notice.

In regard to the sewer through the centre of the said pier, I caused the following communication to be addressed to the engineer in charge of sewers:

"COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
"NEW YORK, March 7, 1867. }

"THEO. WESTON, Esq., *Engineer in Charge of Sewers*:

"DEAR SIR—Complaint has been made to this Department by the lessees of Pier No. 48, North river (foot of Clarkson street), that the sewer through the centre of the pier has burst, making it unsafe, and that the slip is filling up with filth. The lessees, in consequence thereof, ask a revocation of the lease. Will you please inform me of the facts in the matter, and oblige

"Yours truly,

"R. A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller."

The following has been received in reply:

"BUREAU OF SEWERS,
"CITY OF NEW YORK, CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT,
"March 9, 1867. }

"DEAR SIR—Agreeably to your wishes, I have made an examination of the Pier No. 48, North river, with reference to inquiry owing to the bursting of the trunk sewer, and beg to state that the slip has silted up, in consequence, to a certain extent. Directions have been given to proceed at once to repair the trunk in question.

"As nearly as can be estimated, the work necessary to be done will occupy not less than a fortnight.

"I think, therefore, as far as further inquiry is concerned, the above premises will be protected on or before the 1st April.

"Very obediently your servant,

"THEO. WESTON, *Engineer in Charge of Sewers*.

"R. A. STORRS, Esq., Deputy Comptroller."

I am informed that the bursting of the sewer was principally caused by the neglect of the lessees to repair the pier, as provided in the lease.

In view of all the facts in the case, the express provisions of the lease and the filling up of the slip being in part occasioned by the neglect of the lessees, I do not consider them entitled to be released from their contract with the City.

I respectfully recommend that the following resolution be adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the application of F. W. J. Hurst, manager of the National Steam Navigation Company, to be released from the provisions of Pier No. 48, North river, be and the same is hereby denied.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The following applications were presented and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1st. Application of Russell Sturgis for permission to continue to occupy Pier No. 13 and northerly part of the short Pier No. 12, North river, at the present rent.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

2d. Application of Cortlandt Palmer for a reconsideration of the resolution adopted December 21, 1866, fixing the amount to be paid on account of assessment for sewer in Thirty-fourth street, and that a release be granted him of certain designated premises upon his paying the expenses of preparing the said release.

On motion, laid on the table.

3d. Application of P. Curtis Ackerman for renewal of lease of No. 249 William street.

On motion, laid on the table.

4th. Application of Peter Mager to be refunded the amount paid for interest on bond and mortgage on lot on the westerly side of Third avenue, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets, purchased of the Corporation at the sale in May, 1866, and to be put in possession of said premises.

On motion, laid on the table.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to furnish at the next meeting of the Commissioners a complete list of the real estate of the City not required for public purposes, with the view to the sale of such part thereof as can be most advantageously disposed of at this time.

The Mayor presented draft of a "deed of release" to D. P. Ingraham, accompanied by a note from the Counsel to the Corporation stating that the said release was "proper by reason of a clause in his original deed" (water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street), "which was unnecessary." The Mayor stated that

Judge Ingraham asked that the Commissioners would authorize the execution of said release.

On motion, referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller to examine and report.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

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MARCH 19, 1867.
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At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 19, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards,

Reports.

The Comptroller submitted the following reports on applications for water grants, which, on motion, were accepted and the accompanying resolutions adopted, viz.:

1. R. M. Strebeigh and others.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, March 12, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Robert M. Strebeigh, Joseph B. Hoyt, Jacob Singmaster and Alexander Hornby for grant of land under water on the Harlem river, in front of the upland owned by them on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Fifth and One Hundred and Sixth streets, respectfully

Report that they have examined the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at fifteen dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor, containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Robert M. Strebeigh, Joseph B. Hoyt, Jacob Singmaster and Alexander

Hornby for land under water on Harlem river, in front of upland owned by them between One Hundred and Fifth and One Hundred and Sixth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at fifteen dollars per foot front, running measure.

2. J. Devlin and T. Murphy.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, March 12, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Jeremiah Devlin and Thomas Murphy for grant of land under water on the Harlem river, in front of the upland owned by them between One Hundred and Twenty-fourth and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor, containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Jeremiah Devlin and Thomas Murphy for land under water on Harlem river, in front of upland owned by them between One Hundred and Twenty-fourth and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

3. Henry A. Cram.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, March 13, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Henry A. Cram for grant of land under water on the Harlem river, in front of the upland owned by him between One Hundred and Thirty-fifth and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor, containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Henry A. Cram for land under water on Harlem river, in front of upland owned by him between One Hundred and Thirty-fifth and One Hundred and Thirty-eighth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

4. Edward Green.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, March 13, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Edward Green, executor of Garret Green, for extension of grant on the North river, between Horatio and Gansevoort streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and find that a grant was issued to Garret Green, dated December 26, 1851 (see Book H of City Grants, page 565), for land under water for the southerly half of the block between Horatio and Gansevoort streets, extending to the Thirteenth avenue, at that time the exterior line of the City, at twenty-five dollars per foot.

In 1857 the exterior line was extended about forty-five feet beyond the Thirteenth avenue, in front of the aforesaid grant to Garret Green, and the present application is for the extension of the said grant to the present exterior line as fixed by law.

In consideration of the fact that the former grant was designed to convey the rights of the Corporation to the land under water to the exterior line of the City, and the price fixed and paid for the same accordingly, and as the present application is to extend the existing grant to the present exterior line of the City in order that the rights to wharfage, etc., conveyed by the former grant may not be interfered with, we are of the opinion that (as in the case of the extension of the grant to W. H. Guion October 15, 1866, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, North river) merely a nominal consideration should be fixed for the extension applied for, and therefore recommend that the application be granted and the price for said extension fixed at the sum of ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Edward Green, executor of Garret Green, for land under water on the Hudson river, between Horatio and Gansevoort streets, in front of upland owned by the late Garret Green, extending from the westerly line of the Thirteenth avenue to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law (the same being the extension to the present exterior line of the grant issued to Garret Green December 26, 1851), containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

Applications.

The following applications were presented and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Application of Peter Goelet for grant of land under water on the East river, between Eightieth and Eighty-first streets.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

2. Application of Thomas Otis Le Roy for reduction of price fixed for water grant on the East river, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, December 27, 1866.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

3. Application of William H. Payne for the name of Margaret S. Adriance to be added with his in water grant authorized to be issued to him November 3, 1866, which, on motion, was granted.

4. Application of Richard H. Lane to have the water grant authorized to be issued to him November 3, 1866, issued to Maltby G. Lane, he having since that date transferred and assigned to said Maltby G. Lane all his right, title and interest in the said grant.

On motion, the application was granted.

A temporary injunction, granted by D. P. Ingraham, was received restraining the execution of lease of Piers Nos. 12 and 13, North river, to any other person than Russell Sturgis, with order to show cause March 21, 1867.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller communicate with the Counsel to the Corporation and take immediate measures for the dissolution of the said injunction.

On motion,

Resolved, That the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the 14th instant on the application of Russell Sturgis for permission to occupy Pier No. 13 and northerly part of Pier No. 12, North river, for another year at the present rent be and the same hereby is reconsidered, and that the said piers be leased for one year from the 1st of May next to Garrison & Allen for twenty thousand five hundred dollars, they being the highest bidders therefor.

A communication was received from J. H. White, on behalf of the State and the Commissary General, in relation to the sale of building corner of Elm and White streets, now used as a State Arsenal, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

A communication was received from Cephas Brainard, attorney for Commissioners for erecting a public market in the City of New York, in relation to plot of ground at Avenue C and East Seventeenth street, which, on motion, was placed on file.

A communication was received from P. Curtis Ackerman in relation to his application for lease of premises No. 249 William street and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power to take such action as, in his judgment, may be for the best interests of the Corporation.

Comptroller submitted a list of piers and bulkheads to be leased temporarily from the 1st of May next, with the bids or proposals for the same received in response to advertisement and publicly opened on the 16th instant (see list on file).

On motion,

Resolved, That the piers and bulkheads included in the aforesaid list, with the exception of east half of Pier No. 4 and west half of Pier No. 5 and east half of Pier No. 5 and west half of Pier No. 6, with bulkheads between, which are reserved for future consideration, be leased for one year from the 1st of May next to the highest bidder giving adequate security, to be approved by the Comptroller, unless in cases where the Comptroller shall report to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund some special reasons why any of said piers should not be thus leased.

The Comptroller submitted, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, a list of the real estate of the City not in use for public purposes (see list on file).

On motion,

Resolved, That the real estate of the City included in the aforesaid list and not required for public purposes, the leases of which expire in 1867, be sold at public auction, as provided for by law, and that the Comptroller proceed forthwith to make the necessary arrangements for the sale.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.
JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 29, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 29, 1867.

Present—All the Commissioners.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation stating that Edward J. Wilson, Esq., was retained by him to investigate the title of Messrs. Brevoort and Odell to the land between Forty-eighth and Fifty-seventh streets, east of the Fourth avenue, included in the compromise approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund February 11, 1867, together with the claim of the said Edward J. Wilson of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for making said investigation, including expenses for searches, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller and the Recorder to examine and report.

The application of Andrew F. Lapham for lease of cellar No. 2 Centre Market was received.

On motion, the application was denied.

The application of James R. Johnston for grant of land under water, on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets, was received.

On motion, the aforesaid application was referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

On motion,

Resolved, That the lease of the second and third floors of the building No. 19 Chatham street, formerly occupied by the City Inspector's Department, be included in the sale advertised to take place April 22, 1867.

On motion,

Resolved, That the selection of an auctioneer to conduct the sale of real estate on the 22d of April next be referred to a committee of two.

The Chairman appointed the Comptroller and the Chamberlain said committee, the terms between the City and auctioneer, as to advertising, to be the same as for the sale last year.

On motion, it was referred to the aforesaid committee to prepare the terms of sale and report.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 22, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 22, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Street Commissioner.

The terms and conditions of the sale of real estate to take place this day were fixed as follows:

Ten per cent. of purchase money, and the auctioneer's fees of \$20 on each lot, to be paid at the Comptroller's Office each day immediately after the sale, or on the following morning, between the hours of 8 and 11 A. M.

Twenty per cent. on May 1 next, when the deeds will be ready for delivery, and the balance (70 per cent.), or any portion thereof, at the option of the purchaser, may remain on bond and mortgage for five years from May 1, 1867, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half yearly. Mortgages to include the customary thirty days' interest clause.

The amount on bond and mortgage may be paid off at any time within the five years, on giving one month's notice to the Comptroller, or it may be paid in installments of not less than \$500 on any day when interest is due within the five years.

Buildings will be required to be kept insured by the mortgagors and the policies assigned to the City.

The bonds and mortgages will be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, and \$12.50 will be charged for the expense of drawing, acknowledging and recording each separate mortgage, the necessary stamps to be supplied by mortgagors; and purchasers are informed that if more than one lot is included in any mortgage the whole mortgage must be paid off before any release can be given by the Corpora-

tion, as any release of part of the premises included in a mortgage to the Corporation is forbidden by law.

The Comptroller may, at his option, resell the lots bid off by those failing to comply with the terms of sale; and the party so failing to comply will be held liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

The minimum prices of the real estate to be sold this day were fixed as follows, viz.:

Parcel No.	1. House and lot No. 126 Cedar street.....	\$5,000 00
"	2. House and lot No. 74 Maiden lane.....	18,000 00
"	3. House and lot corner of West and Fulton streets.....	45,000 00
"	4. House and lot No. 79 Ann street.....	20,000 00
"	5. House and lot No. 7 Dover street.....	8,000 00
"	6. House and lot No. 111 Roosevelt street.....	4,000 00
"	7. House and lot northwest corner of New Chambers and William streets.....	22,000 00
"	8. House and lot No. 5 Duane street.....	8,500 00
"	10. House and lot No. 12 Lispenard street.....	16,000 00
"	11. House and lot No. 128 West Broadway.....	7,500 00
"	12. Plot of ground foot of Canal street (withdrawn from sale).	
"	13. House and lot No. 37 Mott street.....	9,000 00
"	14. House and lot No. 3 Pike street.....	8,000 00
"	15. House and lot No. 242 South street.....	11,000 00
"	16. House and lot No. 205 Madison street.....	5,000 00
"	17. House and lot No. 23½ Gouverneur street.....	7,000 00
"	18. House and lot No. 399 Cherry street.....	6,000 00
"	19. House and lot No. 7 Jackson street.....	8,500 00
"	20. Plot of ground foot of Corlears street (subject to the rights of grantees to the land on Corlears street)....	15,000 00
"	21. House and lot No. 18 Renwick street.....	9,000 00
"	22. House and lot No. 6 Norfolk street.....	7,000 00
"	23. House and lot No. 115 Christopher street.....	9,000 00
"	24. House and lot No. 131 Christopher street.....	4,000 00
"	25. House and lot No. 557 Hudson street.....	7,000 00
"	26. House and lot No. 48 Horatio street.....	6,000 00
"	27. House and lot No. 160 West Thirteenth street.....	8,000 00
"	28. House and lot No. 1½ Eldridge street.....	5,000 00
"	29. House and lot No. 22 Eldridge street.....	8,000 00
"	30. House and lot No. 101 Hester street.....	7,000 00
"	31. Vacant lot No. 49 Chrystie street.....	7,000 00

Parcel No.	32. Plot of ground, Rivington street (near Goerck).....	\$10,000 00
"	33. House and lot No. 353 East Third street.....	6,000 00
"	34. House and lot, East Fourth street, near Lewis street.....	3,500 00
"	35. House and lot No. 439 East Tenth street.....	2,000 00
"	36. House and lot East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between Third and Fourth avenues.....	5,000 00
"	37. Vacant lot north side of East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, east of Fourth avenue.....	3,000 00
"	38. House and lot No. 7 Goerck street.....	6,000 00
"	39. House and lot No. 7 Mangin street.....	7,500 00
"	40. Schoolhouse and lot Rivington street, near Goerck (subject to a lease expiring December 28, 1867).....	6,000 00
"	41. House and lot No. 174 Mulberry street.....	7,500 00
"	42. House and lot No. 160 Wooster street.....	9,000 00
"	43. House and lot No. 61 (53) East Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
"	44. House and lot No. 162 West Eighteenth street.....	8,500 00
"	45. Houses and lots Nos. 152½ and 154 Norfolk street.....	8,500 00
"	46. House and lot No. 78 East Thirteenth street (No. 110 Map)	9,000 00
"	47. House and lot No. 160 East Twenty-second street (25 feet by one-half the block).....	4,500 00
"	48. Plot of ground, with water front, between East Twenty-fifth and East Twenty-sixth Streets, Avenue A (whole block eight lots).....	20,000 00
"	49. Houses and lots Nos. 106 and 108 Fiftieth street (near Lexington avenue).....	7,000 00
"	50. Vacant lots north side of East Sixty-seventh street, 125 feet east of Madison avenue (1).....	4,500 00
"	50. Vacant lots north side of East Sixty-seventh street, 150 feet east of Madison avenue (2).....	4,500 00
"	51. Vacant lot Madison avenue, west side, near East Sixty-seventh street	6,000 00
"	52. Vacant lot Madison avenue, east side, near East Sixty-seventh street	6,000 00
"	53. Vacant lots west side of Third avenue, between Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets (No. 1).....	5,000 00
"	53. Vacant lots west side of Third avenue, between Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets (No. 2).....	5,000 00
"	54. House and lot East Eighty-second street, 100 feet east of Fourth avenue.....	4,500 00
"	54. Vacant lot adjoining (No. 1).....	2,500 00

Parcel No. 54.	Vacant lot adjoining (No. 2).....	\$2,500 00
"	55. Hotel, etc., with water front, foot of Eighty-sixth street, East river	10,000 00
"	56. House and lot No. 408 West Twenty-seventh street, vacant lot adjoining No. 410.....	9,000 00
"	57. House and lot No. (128) 202 West Thirty-first street.....	8,000 00
"	58. House and lot No. 432 West Thirty-sixth street.....	7,500 00
"	59. House and lot No. 158 West Fortieth street.....	4,500 00
"	60. House and lot No. 135 East Twenty-sixth street.....	8,500 00

Application from the trustees of the Eclectic Medical College of the City of New York to have No. 135 (house and lot) East Twenty-sixth street withdrawn from sale, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Application of Francis A. Thomas to have the house and lot in East Eighty-second street withdrawn from sale, and the use of the same granted to the Yorkville Dispensary for one year or more, which, on motion, was laid on the table

A communication was received from Mortimer Porter in relation to sale of plot of ground foot of Corlears street, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the said plot be sold subject to the rights of parties to the land fronting on Corlears street.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

———, Street Commissioner.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 27, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 27, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Applications.

The following applications were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Application of P. Curtis Ackerman for extension of time for payment of the thirty per cent. on house and lot bid off by him at the auction sale on the 22d instant.

On motion,

Resolved, That if ten per cent. be paid this day Mr. Ackerman be allowed thirty days to pay the balance (twenty per cent.), and that the terms of the sale be modified accordingly.

2. Application of A. W. Green to be released from his bid for lot foot of Corlears street at the auction sale on the 22d instant.

On motion, referred to the Chamberlain and the Comptroller to examine and report.

3. Application of T. Maxwell to be released from his bid for house and lot No. 174 Mulberry street at the auction sale on the 22d instant.

On motion, laid on the table.

4. Application of J. H. Rose to be released from his bid for house and lot No. 110 East Thirteenth street (old No. 78) at the auction sale on the 22d instant.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report.

5. Application of John Glass for release of a gore of land between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, west of the Third avenue.

On motion, referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller to examine and report.

6. Application of Thomas Faye for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Fifty-second and One Hundred and Fifty-third streets.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

7. Application of Harlem and New York Navigation Company for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

A list of bidders at the auction sale on the 22d instant who have not paid the ten per cent. on their bids, as provided by the terms of sale, was presented, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to receive the ten per cent. in all such cases until the next meeting of the Commissioners.

The Comptroller reported that the bill of E. J. Wilson, referred to the Comptroller and the Recorder March 29, 1867, was a just and proper charge for the services performed; and that the question whether it be paid from "Contingencies for the Law Department" or from the Sinking Fund be referred to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

On motion, the report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That the said bill be paid from the "Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt."

A notice from Ira C. Knapp and others in relation to the dilapidated condition of Pier No. 53, North river, was received, and on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

A bill of Edward Boyle, for surveys, maps, etc., of the property included in the sale of the 22d instant, amounting to \$1,390, was received and referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 6, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 6, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committee of both Boards.

William Allen Butler, Esq., appeared before the Commissioners as attorney for Russell Sturgis, in relation to lease of Pier No. 13 and part of Pier No. 12, North river.

On motion, the subject was referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller to examine and report.

The Chamberlain reported on the application of A. W. Green to be released from his bid for lot foot of Corlears street, referred to the Comptroller and the Chamberlain at the last meeting, that there was a misunderstanding on the part of Mr. Green as to the rights of grantees to the land on Corlears street, and recommended that his application be granted.

On motion, the report was accepted and the application granted, on the payment of the auctioneer's fees, and the property to be resold.

The action on the application of the Harlem and New York Navigation Company for water grant on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner at the last meeting, was reconsidered, and, on motion, the said application and the application of Henry McCaddin, Jr. (this day presented), for water grant on the Harlem river at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, were referred to the Comptroller and the Chamberlain to examine and report as to the rights of the respective parties to the grants applied for.

The application of T. Maxwell to be released from bid for house and lot No. 174 Mulberry street (Map No. 41) at the late auction sale, laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken up for consideration, and, on motion, the application was granted on payment of the auctioneer's fees.

A communication was received from C. Fine, attorney for F. Cushman, in relation to leases of sundry piers on the East river, which, on motion, was laid over to the next meeting. Mr. Fine to be notified to attend.

Applications.

The following applications were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Application of Terence Farley for grant of land under water on the East river, between East Twenty-fifth and East Twenty-sixth streets.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

2. Application of Thomas Brady to be released from his bid for house and lot East One Hundred and Twenty-first street (Map No. 36) at the late auction sale.

On motion, the application was granted, the ten per cent. paid to be refunded.

3. Application of Jacob Weiss to be released from his bid for houses and lots Fiftieth street, near Lexington avenue (Map No. 49), at the late auction sale.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report.

4. Application of H. J. Howard to be released from his bid for house and lot No. 242 South street (Map No. 15) at the late auction sale.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report.

5. Application of F. W. J. Aurst for his lease of Pier No. 48, North river, to be canceled.

Application denied for want of power.

6. Application of F. M. McDonald & Co. for a lease of Pier and bulkhead No. 20, North river, for a term of years.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller to inform said company that the Commissioners have not the power to grant the said application.

The Comptroller reported on the bill of Edward Boyle, for surveys, maps, etc., of the real estate disposed of at the recent auction sale, referred to him at the last meeting, that the lots embraced in said sale were located in different parts of the city and required to be surveyed separately, involving more labor and expense

than would have been necessary had the lots been comprised in blocks or parcels containing several lots together.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the bill be allowed and paid at one thousand dollars.

Bills.

The following bills were presented and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Bill of W. C. Rodgers & Co., for engraving, printing, binding, etc. (including paper), maps of the real estate recently sold at auction, \$1,549.40.

On motion, referred to Comptroller to examine and report.

2. Bill of A. Herrick & Sons, for printing catalogues and posters for real estate sold at auction April 22, 1867, \$174.60.

On motion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, ordered paid.

3. Bill of William Parkhouse & Co., for posting bills of sale of real estate at auction April 22, 1867, \$54.

4. Bill of Jeremiah Crowley, for appraising real estate sold at auction April 22, 1867, \$250.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller with power, together with any other bills for a like service.

On motion, adjourned to Wednesday the 8th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 8, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 8, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Reports.

1. The Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the application of H. J. Howard to be released from bid for house and lot No. 242 South street at the late auction sale, reported that there was an error in the map showing the said premises, as stated in the application, and recommended that Mr. Howard be released from his bid and the ten per cent. paid on account refunded.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

2. The Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the application of Jacob Weiss to be released from bid for houses and lots, Fiftieth street, near Lexington avenue, at the late auction sale, reported that Mr. Weiss misunderstood the statement of the auctioneer as to a portion of one of the houses extending to and being partly built on an adjoining lot owned by another party, and recommended that his application be granted on payment of the auctioneer's fees.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

3. The Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the application of J. H. Rose to be remunerated for improvements on Lot No. 110 East Thirteenth street, bid off by him at the late sale, reported that the Commissioners have no power to allow for said improve-

ments, and recommended that he be released from his bid, if he desires, on payment of the auctioneer's fees.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The petition of William Schneider to be remunerated for improvements on premises No. 101 Hester street, bid off by him at the late sale at auction, was received, and, on motion, denied, for want of power.

On motion of the Chamberlain, it was

Resolved, That all parcels included in the late sale of real estate at auction, the bidders for which have not complied with the terms and conditions of sale, be resold; and that the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to make the necessary arrangements therefor.

The Comptroller reported that the bill of W. C. Rodgers & Co., referred to him at the last meeting, was correct, and recommended that it be paid, when, on motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 16, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 16, 1867.

Present—All the Commissioners.

J. N. Whiting, Esq., appeared as attorney for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and was heard in relation to the plot of ground foot of Canal street (Parcel No. 12 on map), withdrawn from the late sale of real estate at auction; when, on motion of the Chamberlain, the Counsel to the Corporation was requested to take immediate measures to dissolve the injunction restraining the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund from disposing of the same.

C. Fine, Esq., attorney for F. Cushman, submitted a statement in relation to the matter of leasing certain piers on the East river (Nos. 12, 18, 19 and 20), on proposition received by the Comptroller; which, on motion, was laid on the table until the next meeting.

The following applications were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Application of Daniel Darrow for damages in consequence of non-repairs to certain piers leased by him; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report the facts in the case, together with the amount of rent due on the several piers referred to in the application.

2. Application of New York and Flushing Railroad Company for reduction of rent of Pier No. 22, East river.

On motion, the application was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report the facts in the case, and also the rent due on said pier.

Bills.

The following bills were presented, viz.:

1. Bill of A. R. Lawrence, Jr., Esq., for professional services (New York Supreme Court—C. S. Fund against the Metropolitan Board of Health, etc.), see bill of particulars on file, \$2,123.23.

On motion, ordered paid.

2. Bill of William F. Allen, Esq., for professional services (Commissioners of the Sinking Fund *vs.* Metropolitan Board of Health), see voucher, \$500.

On motion, ordered paid.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 21, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 21, 1867.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The application of Timothy Lane to be released from bid for lot on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, near Third avenue (Map No. 37), bid off by him at the sale at auction, April 22, 1867, was presented; and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report.

Reports.

The following reports of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, on applications for water grants, were submitted and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Report on application of Harriet Washburn for water grant on the East river, north side of Thirty-eighth street:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, March 23, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Harriet Washburn for grant of land under water on the East river, in front of upland owned by her, north side of Thirty-eighth street, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred and recommend that the application be granted, the price of said land under water fixed at one

hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Harriet Washburn for land under water on the East river, in front of the upland owned by her on the north side of Thirty-eighth street, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution submitted adopted.

2. Report on the application of M. V. Garrigus for water grant on the East river, south side of Thirty-ninth street.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, March 23, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN.—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Margaret V. Garrigus for grant of land under water on the East river, in front of upland owned by her, south side of Thirty-ninth street, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Margaret V. Garrigus for land under water on the East river, in front of the upland owned by her on the south side of Thirty-ninth street, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution submitted adopted.

3. Report on the application of Peter Goelet for water grant on the East river, between Eightieth and Eighty-first streets.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 NEW YORK, March 26, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Peter Goelet for grants of land under water on the East river, in front of the upland owned by him, on the south side of Eighty-first street and between Eighty-first and Eighty-second streets, as per diagrams attached to the respective applications, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred and recommend that the applications be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at seventy-five dollars (\$75) per foot front, running measure, and that grants be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
 GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant or grants to be issued to Peter Goelet for land under water on the East river, in front of the upland owned by him on the south side of Eighty-first street and between Eighty-first and Eighty-second streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, at seventy-five dollars (\$75) per foot front, running measure, the grant to contain the usual covenants.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution submitted adopted.

4. Report on the application of I. A. Voissier for water grant on the East river, between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 NEW YORK, March 28, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of I. A. Voissier for grant of land under water on the East river, in front of upland owned by him, between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred and recommend that the application be granted, the price of said land under water fixed at one hundred dollars (\$100) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
 GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to I. A. Vossier for land under water on the East river, in front of upland owned by him, between Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets, extending to the interior line of the City as now fixed by law and containing the usual covenants, at one hundred dollars (\$100) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution submitted adopted.

5. Report on the application of J. J. Astor, Jr., and others for water grant on the North river, between Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, March 13, 1867.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of John J. Astor, Jr., William Astor and Henry Astor, by their agent, Thomas M. Beare, for grant of land under water on the Hudson river, in front of upland owned by them, between Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred and recommend that the application be granted, the price of said land under water fixed at seventy-five dollars (\$75) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to John Jacob Astor, Jr., William Astor and Henry Astor for land under water on Hudson river, in front of the upland owned by them, between Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law and containing the usual covenants, at seventy-five dollars (\$75) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution submitted adopted.

6. Report on the application of David McMaster for water grant on the North river, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, March 13, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of David McMaster for grant of land under water on the

Hudson river, in front of upland owned by him, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at seventy-five dollars (\$75) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to David McMaster for land under water on Hudson river, in front of upland owned by him, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law and containing the usual covenants, at seventy-five dollars (\$75) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution submitted adopted.

7. The Mayor and the Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of John Glass for a release to him of a gore of land adjoining lot on Fifty-third street, near Third avenue,

Reported that they had examined the subject referred and found the facts in the case to be as stated in the application; and recommended that the application be granted and the release submitted with the application executed.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Chamberlain submitted the following preamble and resolutions; which, on motion, were adopted:

Whereas, Over one hundred thousand dollars was due on the first day of January, 1867, for unpaid rents of wharves, piers and slips, withheld in consequence of the alleged failure of the City authorities to make repairs according to the covenants of the then existing leases; and

Whereas, The Legislature of 1866 passed an act appropriating six hundred thousand dollars to repair such wharves, piers and slips, which failed to receive the approval of the Governor, in consequence of which there has been no fund by which such wharves, piers and slips could be placed in proper condition of repair, and many of them have become so much out of repair and dilapidated as to be almost unfit for use, not only preventing any adequate revenue from being derived therefrom, but producing serious injury to the commerce of our City; therefore

Resolved, First—That the Comptroller be requested to furnish at the next meeting of the Commissioners a detailed statement of the amount due to the Corporation for rent of wharves, piers and slips, the payment of which has been refused because of the failure of the City to keep the same in repair, according to the covenants of the leases therefor.

Second—That he appoint suitable persons, not exceeding three, to forthwith report upon the condition of such wharves, piers and slips, and the amount which will be required to properly repair the same.

Third—That the Commissioners give a public hearing to all citizens interested in the question to consider the measures which should be adopted to place such wharves, piers and slips in a condition of repair and usefulness adapted to the commercial necessities of our City, and to take into consideration the expediency of selling at public auction to the highest bidders for the same all the right, title and interest of the City in such wharves, piers and slips, so as to secure by private enterprise what the municipal government has failed heretofore to accomplish, and that the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce be invited in such movement. and that such public meeting be held, with their permission, in their hall.

It being suggested that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund take some action in regard to the market interests and market property, it was, on motion of the Chamberlain,

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to a committee to examine and report.

The Chairman appointed the Chamberlain and the Comptroller said committee.

Dr. Robert S. Newton applied for the extension of lease of house and lot No. 135 East Twenty-sixth street, now used as a dispensary, for one year from September 1, 1867, the time of the expiration of the present lease.

On motion, the Comptroller was authorized to grant a lease of the said premises for one year from September 1, 1867, to the parties now occupying the same, for the purposes of a dispensary, and that the said premises be sold subject to said lease.

J. K. Furlong, Esq., appeared as attorney for James Boyle, one of the parties who submitted proposals for lease of Piers Nos. 12, 18, 19 and 20, East river, and submitted a statement in relation to the claim of said Boyle to receive the leases for the same on his proposal.

On motion, laid on the table until the next meeting.

Sundry bills were presented for advertising docks and slips to be leased at auction, sale of real estate at auction, etc.; which, on motion, were referred to the Comptroller, with power.

On motion, adjourned to Thursday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 23, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 23, 1867.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the application of Timothy Lane to be released from his bid for lot in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Third and Fourth avenues, at the late auction sale, reported that there was a misunderstanding on the part of the applicant as to the locality and value of the lot, and recommended that his application be granted on payment of the auctioneer's fees, and the ten per cent. paid on account refunded, and that the said lot be resold.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Whereas, Full opportunity has been given to all parties interested for the correction of any errors that might have occurred at the sale of real estate at auction April 22, 1867; therefore,

Resolved, That no further applications to release bidders from their accepted bids at the said sale be received.

The application of W. J. Peck for rent of ferry premises foot of Spring street, to commence from delivery of lease, was received.

On motion, the application was granted.

On motion, adjourned to Monday next (27th instant) at 11 o'clock A. M.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 27, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 27, 1867.

Present—The Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

The Comptroller and the Chamberlain, to whom was referred the application of Henry McCaddin, Jr., Marietta Vandever and the Harlem and New York Navigation Company for water grants on the Harlem river at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, to examine and report on the right of the parties respectively to the grants applied for by them, reported that they had had a map prepared by George W. Smith, City Surveyor, showing the property of each of the said parties, on which they claim to be entitled to the water grant applied for, with an extension of the dividing lines to the exterior lines as fixed by law, thus showing the boundaries of the grants the parties claim, and submitting the question as to the rights of the respective claimants to the Commissioners; when, on motion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen, the following resolution, submitted by him, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That grants be made of the water fronts at One hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, claimed by Mr. McCaddin, Mrs. Vanderver and the Harlem and New York Navigation Company, as follows:

To Mr. McCaddin, a line parallel and in conformity with previously established lines, from the westerly boundary line of his property and a line drawn from the centre of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, in front of his property, parallel with the previous line; and that such line be the eastern boundary line of his grant and the westerly line of Mrs. Vanderver's, as shown by the red lines and figures; and the other grants claimed be made as shown by the black lines and figures on the map of Mr. Smith, above referred to.

The petition of Charles D. Bailey to have the lease of premises No. 21 Henry street canceled, and that he be paid \$250 for damages to said buildings, was received; and, on motion, the application, so far as it relates to canceling the lease, was granted, and the Comptroller authorized to carry the same into effect.

The application of H. E. Newell to lease Pier No. 13, North river, for ten years, at \$15,000 per year, was received; and, on motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Ship Owners' Association of the City of New York, requesting an opportunity to submit to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a brief statement of their views in relation to the proper disposition and management of the piers and wharves of this city; which, on motion, was placed on file. The Secretary of the society to be notified when to appear before the Commissioners for that purpose.

The application of F. S. Kinney to be released from bid of lot No. 128 West Broadway at the sale of real estate at auction April 22, 1867, was received; and, on motion, the application was denied.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce acknowledging receipt of resolutions in relation to wharves, piers and slips; which, on motion, was placed on file.

The following application for water grants on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue. were received; and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

Application of H. McCaddin, Jr., Marietta Vandever and Harlem and New York Navigation Company.

Adjourned.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 31, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 31, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

The Mayor submitted the following report in relation to application for "deed of release" to D. P. Ingraham, viz.:

NEW YORK, May 27, 1867.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the subject of whether a release should be executed to Judge David P. Ingraham of and from a certain clause contained in a grant made to him November 30, 1866, of certain lands under water, which clause excepted from the grant "wharfage, etc., to accrue from the easterly end of the bulkhead in front of the entire width of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, etc.," respectfully report:

1st. That the Corporation Counsel, who prepared the grant, certifies that the reservation contained therein was inserted by mistake, and has prepared and approved the form of a release herewith submitted.

2d. In the grant to Messrs. Ketcham and others, adjoining the grant to Judge Ingraham, no reservation is made of the character of the one inserted in Judge Ingraham's grant.

3d. The only object of such reservation, in any case, would seem to be to secure to the City the rights and privileges incident to a pier or wharf at foot of the street extending beyond the bulkhead line. In this case the bulkhead line is the exterior line of the Harbor Commissioners, and no pier can be built beyond it.

4th. As the grantee pays per running foot for the whole front and is required to fill up and construct the entire bulkhead, there seems to be no propriety in taking from him the benefits to accrue therefrom.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the accompanying release, prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, be executed and delivered.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and the Comptroller authorized to cause the release submitted and approved by the Corporation Counsel to be executed.

Applications.

1st. Application of William H. Christie for authority to repair northerly half of Pier No. 52 and southerly half of Pier No. 53 and bulkhead between, North river, and deduct the expense of repairs from rent of said piers; which, on motion, was denied. The Comptroller to inform the applicant of the reasons for such action.

2d. Application of James Redmond to be released from bid for house and lot No. 18 Renwick street, April 22, 1867.

On motion, the application was denied, in pursuance of resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund 23d instant.

3d. Application of F. S. Kinney in relation to house and lot No. 128 West Broadway, purchased by him at the late sale at auction; which, on motion, was denied (see minutes of last meeting).

A communication was received from Edward Boyle, City Surveyor, in relation to his bill for surveys, etc., of real estate sold at auction April 22, 1867; which, on motion, was laid on the table.

A notice was received from H. P. McGowan, President of Harlem and New York Navigation Company, lessees of pier and bulkhead, One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, Harlem river (lease expires May 1, 1869), in relation to any grants that may be issued for land under water that might interfere with the rights of the lessees of said pier; which, on motion, was placed on file.

The statement submitted by J. K. Furlong, attorney for James Boyle, in relation to the rights of said Boyle to the lease of Piers 12, 18, 19 and 20, East river, laid on the table on the 21st instant, was taken up for consideration; when, on motion of the Chamberlain, it was

Resolved, That the leases of said piers be resold at auction and that the said resolution be laid on the table.

Which was adopted (see statements May 21).

On motion of the Chamberlain, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Comptroller to examine and report the facts as to the rights of M. Porter and others to the plot of ground foot of Corlears street, East river, growing out of any former grant or grants for land under water adjoining said plot (Parcel No. 20 on map of the property recently sold at auction).

The Comptroller submitted a list of property belonging to the Corporation not in use for public purposes and undisposed of at the late auction sale; which, on motion of the Chamberlain, was referred to the Comptroller to select such lots or parcels as, in his judgment, should be sold at the present time and report.

On motion of the Chamberlain, the Comptroller was requested to inquire and report as to the practicability and expediency of selling Gouverneur and Franklin Market property.

It appearing on examination that there is a pier at One Hundred and Seventeenth street, Harlem river, included in the water grant authorized to be made to L. H. McCoy and Sylvanus Ferris, and also a pier at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem river, included in the water grant authorized to be made to J. Devlin and F. Murphy, both of which piers are leased to D. F. Waudell, the leases to expire May 1, 1869, it was, on motion

Resolved, That the aforesaid grantees be required to indemnify the City from all damages arising from obstructions to the use of the aforesaid piers in consequence of filling in the premises included in the aforesaid grants respectively before the expiration of the present lease of the said piers at One Hundred and Seventeenth and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth streets.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

CHAS. E. LOEW, Chairman Finance
Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 7, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 7, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The resolution submitted by the Chamberlain at the last meeting and laid on the table, in relation to the leases of Piers Nos. 12, 18, 19 and 20, East river, was taken up for consideration, when, on motion, it was amended and adopted as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to lease Piers Nos. 12, 18, 19 and 20, East river, to May 1, 1868, on proposals, to the highest bidder complying with the usual terms and conditions.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee voting in the negative.

The Mayor submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, By chapter 806 of the Laws of 1867, passed April 25, 1867, the Metropolitan Board of Health, acting as a Board of Excise, are directed from and after the passage of said act, through the person acting as Treasurer of said Board of Excise, to pay over monthly to the Chamberlain of the City of New York, for the use of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to be applied to the redemption of the City debt, the license fees and fines collected by said Board of Excise, after making certain deductions as by said act provided; and

Whereas, By the terms of said act, an account and payment is now due from said Board of Excise, which account the Treasurer of said Board (in a letter addressed to the Comptroller) says he cannot make up "much before July 1"; and

Whereas, It is the duty of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to see that said account is promptly rendered and the payments promptly made by said Treasurer; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed, respectfully, to demand an immediate account from said Board of Excise, and said Treasurer, under the provisions of said law.

A communication was received from B. G. Lord, Captain Sanitary Police, in relation to the condition of Pier No. 61, East river, and pier foot of West Twenty-eighth street, North river, set apart by the Corporation for the use of scavengers, etc., which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Reports.

The Comptroller presented the following reports of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on application for water grants, which, on motion, were accepted, and the resolutions annexed adopted, viz.:

1. Report on the application of James M. McLean and others, for water grant on Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, at Kingsbridge.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, June 1, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of James M. McLean, Elisha Brooks, George H. Peck and Joseph H. Goodwin, for the following water grants, viz.:

1. "For land under water in front of their premises on Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek, between a point in the Harbor Commissioners' line on Harlem river which is distant 182 feet westerly of the westerly line of the Ninth avenue; and thence running northerly along Harlem river by the Harbor Commissioners' line to Kingsbridge; and thence continuing along said line westerly to Isaac Dyckman's land at a point in said line which is distant 276 feet 1 inch westerly of the westerly line of Tenth avenue at Spuyten Duyvil creek, excepting the public highways running through the same."

2. "For land under water in front of their premises on Spuyten Duyvil creek lying between a point on the Harbor Commissioners' line which is distant 65 feet 2 inches southerly from the southerly line of Two Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, and another point on the said line which is distant 92 feet 10 inches northerly from the northerly line of Two Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, as the same are laid down on the map or diagram hereto annexed," respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and have found on examination that there will be about 6.87 acres of land below high-water mark and about 2,980 feet of bulkhead front for the entire length of land under water, as included in the grant applied for; and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at fifty cents per foot front, running measure, excluding the width of streets, and that a grant or grants be issued therefor extending to the exterior line as fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant or grants, to be issued to James M. McLean, Elisha Brooks, George H. Peck and Joseph H. Goodwin for land under water in front of the upland owned by them on Harlem river and Spuyten Duyvil creek, between a point in the Harbor Commissioners' line on Harlem river which is distant 182 feet westerly of the westerly line of Ninth avenue; and thence running northerly along Harlem river by the Harbor Commissioners' line to Kingsbridge; and thence continuing along said line westerly to Isaac Dyckman's land at a point in said line which is distant two hundred and seventy-six feet one inch westerly of the westerly line of Tenth avenue at Spuyten Duyvil creek.

Also, for land under water in front of land owned by them on Spuyten Duyvil creek, between a point on the Harbor Commissioners' line which is distant sixty-five feet two inches southerly from the southerly line of Two Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, and another point on the same line which is distant ninety-two feet ten inches northerly from the northerly line of Two Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, extending to the exterior line as fixed by law, excluding the width of streets, and containing the usual covenants and conditions; and that the consideration for said grant or grants be fixed at fifty cents per foot front, running measure.

2. Report on the application of Thomas Faye for water grant at One Hundred and Fifty-first street—One Hundred and Fifty-third street, near Eighth avenue.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

NEW YORK, May 31, 1867.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Thomas Faye for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by him, "on the westerly side of the creek running from the Harlem river, across and parallel with Eighth avenue, beginning at a point 34 feet 3 inches

“southerly from the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-second street
“and running northerly along the high-water line to the centre of One Hundred
“and Fifty-third street,” respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price of said land under water fixed at five dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor, extending to the centre line of the said creek, as shown on the map attached to the application, containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Thomas Faye for land under water in front of the upland owned by him on the westerly side of the creek running from the Harlem river, beginning at a point thirty-four feet three inches southerly from the southerly line of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, and running northerly along the high-water line to the centre of One Hundred and Fifty-third street, extending to the centre line of the said creek, as shown on the map attached to the application, and containing the usual covenants, at five dollars per foot front, running measure.

The Comptroller presented a communication from the Metropolitan Fire Department, giving notice that the residue of the premises No. 28 Beaver street, now in possession of W. H. Aspinwall, are required for the immediate use of said Department, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, to examine and report the facts in the case, with such resolution as may be proper.

On motion of the Mayor, it was

Resolved, That hereafter the meetings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be public, and that the Comptroller give notice of the same.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 11, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 11, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Reports.

The Comptroller submitted the following reports, viz.:

1. Report on the application of the Metropolitan Fire Commissioners for the whole of the premises owned by the Corporation No. 28 Beaver street, viz.:

“The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Fire Department, for the residue of the premises in Beaver street, near Broad, for the use of such Department, respectfully

“Reports that the lot on Beaver street, owned by the City of New York, was leased to William H. Aspinwall on January 1, 1846, for the term of twenty-one years, he agreeing to fit up and provide the lower floor of the building for the use of the Fire Department, and the lease containing a covenant that at the expiration of the demised term the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty should, at their option, either grant a new term or pay for the building so erected by him.

“On October 15, 1866, Mr. Aspinwall applied for a renewal of the lease, which application was referred to the Comptroller to report.

“The Comptroller reported November 3, 1866, and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund then resolved that he be authorized to appoint an appraiser to fix the amount of rent on renewal of the lease.

“The appraisers settled the rent for the whole building at \$1,050 per annum, free of taxes, and it being represented that the Fire Department had abandoned the use of the basement story, a lease was prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation for the whole building, at the yearly rent fixed by the appraisers, for a new term of twenty-one years from January 1, 1867.

“Upon being notified by the Fire Commissioners that they would require the lower part of these premises for the use of their Department, the lease so prepared

"was not delivered by the Comptroller to Mr. Aspinwall, and the same now awaits execution in his hands and the directions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund relative thereto.

"The communications from the Metropolitan Fire Commissioners, and the papers connected with the appointment of the appraisers and the settlement of the rent by them are herewith attached" (see papers attached to report on file).

"Respectfully submitted,

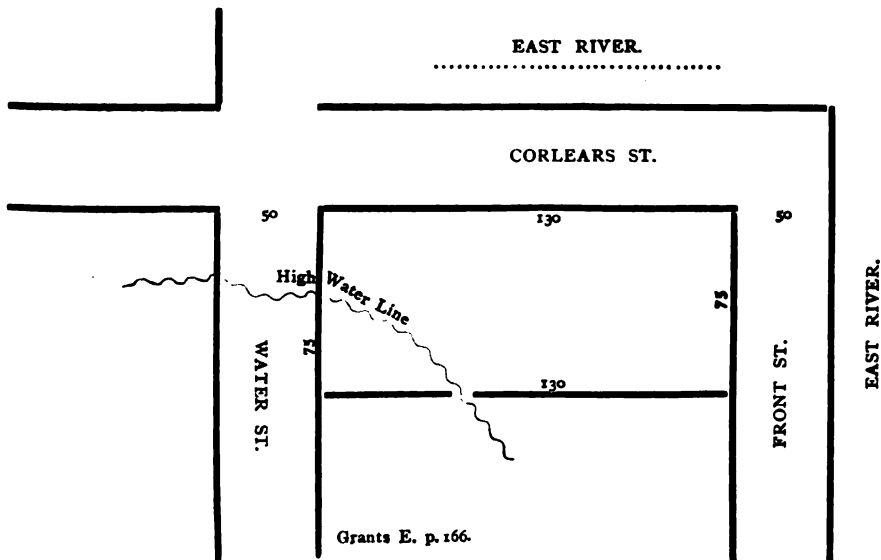
"RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller."

On motion, the report was laid on the table, and the Comptroller requested to confer with the Metropolitan Fire Commissioners on the subject and report.

2. Report in relation to the title of the Mayor, etc., to the land at Corlears and Water streets, east river:

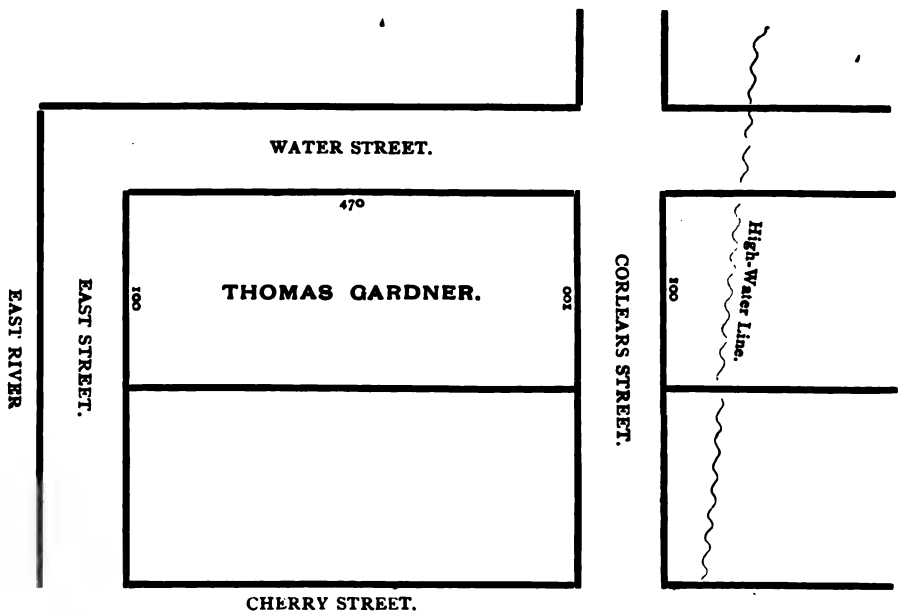
"The Comptroller, to whom was referred the matter of the title of premises at the foot of Corlears street, East river, and the power of the City to sell the same, respectfully

"Reports that the premises in question are included within the line of 400 feet from low-water mark granted in fee to the City of New York by the Montgomery Charter, that on the 20th day of July, 1804, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York conveyed to Gabriel Furman the premises on the west side of Corlears street, between Water and Front streets, as appears by the following map copied from that attached to the original grant:



"Said grant, however, contained the following covenant: 'The said parties of
 "the first part do covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part,
 "his heirs and assigns, that he, the said party of the second part, his heirs and
 "assigns, paying the yearly rents hereinbefore mentioned, and also doing, fulfilling
 "and keeping all and singular the payments, covenants and agreements herein-
 "before mentioned and contained, according to the true intent and meaning of these
 "presents, shall and lawfully may from time to time and at all times forever
 "hereafter fully have, use, enjoy, take and hold to his and their own proper use
 "all manner of wharfage, crannage, advantages and emoluments growing or
 "accruing by or from the said several wharves or streets intended to be made on
 "the easterly and southerly sides of the said premises hereby granted, called Front
 "street and Corlears street, aforesaid fronting on the said East river, opposite to
 "the said premises hereby granted, and every part thereof, the whole length and
 "breadth thereof, on both sides, without any let, hindrance, molestation or dis-
 "turbance of them, the said parties of the first part or their successors.'

"On the 3d day of November, 1807, the whole front on the Water street,
 "extending from Corlears to East street, was conveyed by the Mayor, Aldermen
 "and Commonalty to Thomas Gardner by the following map:



"—and it was covenanted that he might lawfully at all times hereafter fully and
 "freely have and enjoy, take and hold, to his own use, all and all manner of

"wharfage, benefits and advantages growing, accruing or arising by or from the wharf or wharves to be erected on the easterly side of the premises hereby granted and conveyed.

"The grantee of Furman claims that the City cannot convey to any other person so as to cut off his right to the wharfage from the bulkhead along Corlears street, and it would appear that the same question would arise as to the right of the grantees of Thomas Gardner to the bulkhead along Water street.

"Has the City, therefore, such a title in the premises as would enable it to sell free and clear of any incumbrance, or can it convey to other persons than the grantees of Furman and Gardner, obliging the persons to build and erect the bulkheads on the new exterior streets, such grantees to accept the bulkheads so built, in lieu of those now enjoyed by them?

"New York, June 11, 1867.

"Respectfully submitted,

"RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller."

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to furnish this Board with his opinion as to the nature of the title of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the land under water at Corlears and Water streets, in the East river, and whether the City can give a good title thereto, free and clear of all incumbrances, upon sale to other parties than those who own the existing bulkheads along Water and Corlears streets.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution submitted adopted.

A communication was received from the Secretary of "The Chamber of Commerce," tendering to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the use of their chamber for the purpose of holding a public meeting in relation to the matter of the disposition of the piers, wharves and slips belonging to the Corporation, and giving notice of the appointment of a committee to co-operate with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in this matter, which, on motion, was placed on file, and the Mayor requested to co-operate with the said committee in making arrangements for a public meeting.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 20, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 20, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The Comptroller submitted the following communication from the Secretary of the Metropolitan Board of Excise, in reply to his demand for an account from said Board, as directed by resolution of the 7th instant, viz.:

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF EXCISE,
NEW YORK, June 14, 1867.

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, *Comptroller*:

SIR—At a meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Excise held at its office on the 13th day of June instant, 1867, it was

“Resolved, In answer to the demand from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, for the payment of certain moneys received by this Board as excise fees, that in view of the litigation pending relative to the law under which said demand is made, this Board deems it to be its duty to decline such payment, except pursuant to an order of court for its protection, and that it will do all in its power to facilitate the obtaining a decision of the court, on any application that may be made; and that, in the meantime, the Treasurer of this Board transmit to such Commissioners a copy of the report made to the Board this day relative to such moneys.

(A true copy.)

“EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.”

The Comptroller also submitted the following report from the Treasurer of the Metropolitan Board of Excise, viz.:

To the Metropolitan Board of Excise:

The Treasurer respectfully reports that by the 6th section of chapter 806, Laws of 1867, passed April 25, it is made the duty of the Board, through its Treasurer, to pay over monthly to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City, after making all legal deductions and expenses, all sums received for licenses and fines in the County of New York.

The amount received for licenses granted and delivered in New York	
from April 25 to May 25 (one month), is.....	\$642,958 33
Amount reserved for New York State Inebriate Asylum, Commissioners	
of Charities and Corrections, and expenses.....	160,739 58
Balance	<u>\$482,218 75</u>

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have made a formal demand upon the Treasurer for a statement of the amount collected, and for the immediate payment of the amount to the Chamberlain.

As the law does not authorize the Treasurer to act in the premises without the order of the Board, he has declined to respond to the call of the Commissioners.

New York, June 10, 1867.

BENJ. F. MANIERRE, Treasurer, Board of Excise.

On motion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, it was

“Resolved, That immediate legal proceedings be taken on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under the direction of the Comptroller, to enforce compliance by the Excise Commissioners with the requirements of the county tax levy in respect to license moneys, said Commissioners having declined to obey the law without litigation.”

The Comptroller reported that there was a balance on the 15th instant to the credit of “the Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt” of \$601,116.09; and that the amount for payment of interest on “City Stocks” from this fund August 1, 1867, will be, say, \$175,000, leaving a surplus of more than \$426,000 in this fund, and recommended that the sum of \$300,000 of this “Surplus Revenue” be transferred to the “General Fund,” in accordance with the provisions of chapter 163, Laws of the State, of 1862; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of Peter B. Sweeny, Chamberlain, for the sum of \$300,000, to be charged to the “Sinking Fund” for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt, on account of the “Surplus Revenues” of said fund for

the year 1867, and credited to the "General Fund" of the City, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 163, Laws of the State, of 1862.

The application of Nesbit & Irvin for water grant on the East river, between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 9, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office July 9, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the petition of Thomas Otis Le Roy for reduction of price for water grant on the East river, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

NEW YORK, July 8, 1867.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Otis Le Roy for a reduction of the amount fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for water grant on the East river, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, authorized to be issued to said Le Roy December 27, 1865, respectfully

Reports that he has caused a re-examination of the premises to be made, the result of which is herewith annexed, together with the statements of Mr. Le Roy.

The water front on the East river is in great demand for commercial purposes, and constantly increasing in value, and the Comptroller, in view of these facts, and the recent action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in fixing a higher rate for the water front as high up as Eighty-second street, does not feel at liberty to recommend a reduction of the price fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in 1865, in the case of Mr. Le Roy, but submits the petition and accompanying papers for your consideration and decisions.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

W. A. Whitbeck, Esq., appeared as attorney for H. McCaddin, Jr., and was heard in relation to the application of said McCaddin for water grant on the Harlem river at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, when, on motion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the grants heretofore directed to be made at Third avenue and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, to Messrs. McCaddin and others, be executed as heretofore directed, except that the westerly line of the grant to Mr. McCaddin be drawn from the centre of Third avenue in front of the premises of the latter, protecting and reserving to the City the entire water front at the foot of Third avenue.

The Mayor called attention to the application of James Redmond, presented and acted upon May 31, 1867 (see page 306, vol. 4 of proceedings), to be released from his bid for house and lot No. 18 Renwick street April 22, 1867, and stated that Mr. Redmond desired some action by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by which he could be released from his bid for reasons stated in his application, when, on motion, the resolution adopted May 31, 1867, was reconsidered, and the application referred to the Comptroller to ascertain the facts in the case, and report at the next meeting.

The Comptroller submitted the following communication from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the "authority of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to sell the sites of Franklin and Gouverneur Markets," viz.:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
June 19, 1867.

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, *Comptroller, etc.*:

SIR—In answer of yours of May 31, 1867, informing me that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund "are desirous of knowing whether they have authority to sell "the sites of Franklin and Gouverneur Markets, or can give a good title thereto," and requesting that I "will be good enough to examine the character of the City's "tenure of this property, and inform the Commissioners whether they can give a "warrantee title therefor," I beg leave to say:

The Office of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund was first created under the ordinance of the Common Council adopted August 13, 1813, which provided that the Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Treasurer of the City, with the Chairman of the Finance Committee for the time being, should constitute a board to discharge the trust and duties imposed by that ordinance; the trust and duties imposed by that ordinance were, to establish and accumulate a fund from certain revenues devoted thereto and therefrom from time to time to make purchases of the stock issued by the City, when the same could be done at par, or at the true value

thereof, and thereby prevent depreciation and procure the regular redemption of the City debt.

The system thus inaugurated was continued and revised by similar ordinances enacted in 1817 and in 1834.

In 1844 the Sinking Fund ordinances were again revised, and an ordinance adopted on February 22 of that year which is now in full force.

This ordinance was confirmed and rendered immutable without the consent of the Legislature, by the statute of May 13, 1845, creating the "Croton Water Stock," which provides that "the ordinance now in force and approved by the Mayor of the City on the 22d of February, 1844, and any ordinance that may hereafter be passed by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty in conformity with the provisions of this law, and relative to the Sinking Fund, shall not be amended without the consent of the Legislature first had and obtained; except by setting apart and appropriating to, and for the purpose of said Sinking Fund, additional revenues," etc.

Similar provisions are found in the statute of the 20th of June, 1851, and other statutes from time to time passed creating public funds.

The powers of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to dispose of the real estate belonging to the City are defined by section 35 in article IV. of the ordinance of 1844, thus:

"The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of all real estate belonging to the Corporation, and not in use for, or reserved for public purposes, at public auction, at such times, and on such terms, as they deem most advantageous to public interests," etc.

It seems, therefore, that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have ample authority to sell the real estate in question, unless it is within the exception created by the ordinance, and the question to be solved is, "Are the markets named places in use for, or reserved for public purposes"?

The Common Council, from the earliest times of the existence of the Corporation, has possessed and exercised the power of locating and maintaining public markets (see section 17, *Montgomery's Charter*).

Pursuant to this power the Common Council has duly designated Franklin Market and Gouverneur Market public markets of the City of New York (chapter 35, article I., section 1, *Revised Ordinances*, edition of 1866).

The word "market" is defined to be "a public place for the sale of commodities" (*vide Webster's Dictionary*).

It appears, therefore, that a public market must be regarded as a place in use for public purposes.

A public market, although yielding a rent to the City, is maintained for public use and convenience as a place of free and common resort by the public desiring to purchase.

It is in use for a public purpose to the same extent as are the public wharves and piers, for the use of which wharfage is paid.

In *Martin vs. The Mayor, etc.*, cited in 2d Hoffman's *Laws*, relating to the City and County of New York, page 761, Judge Emmett, of the Superior Court, held

that wharves, piers and bulkheads, were in use for public purposes, and, therefore, within the exception, and granted an injunction prohibiting the sale thereof by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

I am, therefore, of opinion, that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have not the power to sell and dispose of the property referred to in your letter, and cannot give a warrantee of the title thereof.

Your obedient servant,

RICHARD O'GORMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

The Comptroller submitted a communication from C. Fine, Esq., attorney for F. Cushman, in relation to leases of Piers Nos. 4, 5, 6, 12, 18, 19 and 20, East river, which, on motion, was placed on file.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen submitted the petition of George Mackenzie for allowance for repairs to Pier No. 50, North river, which, on motion, was laid over for consideration.

A communication was received from F. S. Kinney in relation to the title of No. 228 West Broadway, and requesting a return of the amount paid on the same, which, on motion, was placed on file.

The Chamberlain submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Counsel to the Corporation has this day advised the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that they have not the legal power in themselves to sell the property actually in use for public markets; and

Whereas, Even if the power to sell such property existed, the exercise of the power under the present laws is of doubtful expediency; and

Whereas, The property known as the Fort Gansevoort property, purchased for a public market, but not used or likely to be used for any public purpose, is wholly unproductive although of great value; therefore

Resolved, That said Gansevoort property be sold in lots, at public auction, to the highest bidders for the same, on due notice, and in the usual manner, and that the Comptroller be directed to take the necessary proceedings to carry this resolution into effect.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 30, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office July 30, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the application of James Redmond to be released from his bid for house and lot No. 18 Renwick street at the auction sale in April last, viz.:

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of James Redmond to be released from his bid for premises No. 18 Renwick street, respectfully

Reports that the premises in question were regularly struck down to Mr. Redmond at the sale of Corporation real estate in April, 1867. He paid his ten per cent. in accordance with the terms of sale, and was directed by the Clerk who took the money, upon an express request to that effect by Redmond, to go into possession of the premises immediately, he living in the vicinity and having free access whenever he saw fit to take possession. Nothing was ever heard of a desire on the part of Redmond to be relieved from the purchase until long after the date fixed for the delivery of the deed had passed, when, upon notice having been frequently sent by the Collector of City Revenue, Redmond called at his office, and, for the first time, stated that the premises had been much injured by the removal of the fixtures and the water and gas apparatus, and claimed that the contract with him had not been carried out on the part of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That Mr. James Redmond be released from his contract with the City to purchase premises No. 18 Renwick street upon his abandoning to the City the money paid by him as ten per cent. and the expenses of the sale, and that upon such surrender the said premises be resold, otherwise that he be held to his contract.

The following applications for grants of land under water were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

Application of John L. Brown for water grant on the East river in front of upland owned by him, between Ninetieth and Ninety-first streets.

Application of Mary Tone for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by her on the easterly side of the creek running from the Harlem river, at Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-second streets.

The following reports of the Treasurer of "The Metropolitan Board of Excise," for the two months ending July 25, 1867, were received, viz.:

NEW YORK, June 25, 1867.

I have the honor to report the amount received for licenses granted and delivered in the County of New York from May 25 to June 25, 1867, viz.:

Gross amount received.....	\$150,146 67
Twenty-five per cent. reserved.....	37,536 67
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	\$112,610 00
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Respectfully submitted,

B. F. MANIERRE, Treasurer.

NEW YORK, July 25, 1867.

I have the honor to report the amount received for licenses granted and delivered in the County of New York for month ending July 25, 1867, viz.:

Gross amount received.....	\$59,422 33
Less twenty-five per cent.....	14,855 58
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	\$44,566 75
Fines received from Court of Special Sessions for May.....	150 00
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	\$44,716 75
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Respectfully submitted,

B. F. MANIERRE, Treasurer.

The proposition of John Halloway to repair and rebuild Pier No. 20, at the foot of Dey street, North river, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comp-

troller, to ascertain the facts in the case and the obligations of the Corporation and report.

The petition of M. and S. Sternberger to be released from purchase of lots between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, and Madison and Fifth avenues, at the auction sale in May, 1866, was received, and, on motion, the petition was denied.

The Mayor submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Excise Commissioners have paid into the City Treasury, to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in accordance with the requirements of the tax levy of 1867, the total sum of \$642,238.11, being a portion of the moneys collected for excise licenses, granted for the City of New York since the date of the passage of said tax levy; and

Whereas, Said moneys are not liable to be applied to the payment of the current expenses of the City or County government, and cannot be drawn against therefor, but should be at once applied to the redemption of the City Debt redeemable from the Sinking Fund, or should be invested for that account; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed forthwith to invest said money, or such portion as remains uninvested, according to ordinances regulating the same, in interest-bearing stock or bonds of the City or County of New York, giving preference in any purchase thereof to the earliest maturing stock of bonds, and that he invite proposals for the sale to the Commissioners of such stock or bonds by notice to be inserted in the "World," "Times," "Herald" and "Tribune."

The Mayor also submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Excise Commissioners have paid into the City Treasury, to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, moneys as follows:

For the month ending May 25, 1867.....	\$642,958 33
For the month ending June 25, 1867.....	150,146 67
For the month ending July 25, 1867.....	59,422 33
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	\$852,527 33

Less deductions for—

Inebriate Asylum.....	\$85 252 73
Commissioners of Charities.....	102,303 27
Expenses three per cent.....	25,575 83
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	213,131 83

And, Whereas, While paying in addition thereto interest on a portion of said amount at the rate of three per cent. per annum, amounting to two thousand six hundred and ninety-two dollars and sixty-one cents, the said Excise Commissioners have, as appears, deducted three per cent. on the whole amount for expenses of collection being twenty-five thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars and eighty-three cents, nearly ten-fold the amount of interest received; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is requested to apply respectfully to the Treasurer of said Board of Excise Commissioners for a statement in detail of the items making up the amount deducted for such expenses.

The Comptroller stated that he was making the necessary arrangements, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting, for the sale of the Fort Gansevoort property at auction.

C. W. Van Voorhis, Esq., appeared as counsel for Mrs. Vandever in relation to her application for water grant on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue; on motion, the consideration of the subject was laid over to a future meeting in order that G. W. Smith, surveyor, who prepared a map of the premises, may attend.

F. S. Kinney, Esq., was heard in relation to his application to be released from his purchase of house and lot No. 112 West Broadway on account of imperfect title, when, on motion, it was referred to the Comptroller to ascertain the facts in the case, and consult the Counsel to the Corporation as to the question whether the Corporation can give a good and sufficient title to the said premises.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 6, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office August 6, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The Mayor moved that the former action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund (May 27, 1867, and July 9, 1867) in relation to the boundaries of water grants to H. McCaddin, Jr., and others on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, be reconsidered, and the whole matter referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the legal rights of the parties.

The Chamberlain moved to lay the motion on the table on the ground that the question in dispute will necessarily undergo a legal adjudication, and the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund already taken sufficiently raises the issue; which was adopted; the Mayor voting in the negative, and the other Commissioners present voting in the affirmative.

The Comptroller submitted the following communication from B. F. Manierre, Treasurer of Board of Excise, and the reply to the same; which, on motion, were ordered on the minutes, viz.:

OFFICE OF THE "BOARD OF EXCISE,"
NO. 31 MOTT STREET,
NEW YORK, August 2, 1867.

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, *Comptroller*:

SIR—I have just received your communication of this date, conveying resolutions adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, asking of the Treasurer a detailed statement of the expenses of the Board of Excise.

I beg respectfully to call your attention to the fact that resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund should have been directed to the Board of

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Excise and not to its Treasurer. I will take an early opportunity to present your communication to the Board of Excise, and I have no doubt they will be most happy to supply the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund with the information which they seek.

I am truly yours,

BENJ. F. MANIERRE, Treasurer, "Board of Excise."

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, August 5, 1867.

BENJAMIN F. MANIERRE, Esq., *Treasurer, Board of Excise:*

SIR—I have received this morning your note, which had previously been communicated to the press, in which you complain that my inquiry in regard to one of the items of the account furnished by you as treasurer of the excise moneys, should have been directed to the Board of Excise. I may be pardoned if I do not see the force of the objection which you make to giving the required information. The account of the excise moneys is kept by you as treasurer, and was furnished by you in that capacity to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. The inquiry is simply for an explanation of your own account. The statute, in addition, is imperative on this question. It declares (chapter 806, Laws of 1867, section 6) expressly, that the Board of Excise "through the person acting as treasurer," shall pay over those moneys monthly. You are the person referred to in the act, and you, recognizing your duty in this respect, have paid over a certain portion of the moneys in question, reserving in your hands a large amount under a general head of "Expenses."

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, through me, simply inquired what expenses? The object of the inquiry being to ascertain whether you have complied with the law, and paid over all the moneys which came to your hands, "as the person "acting as Treasurer" of the Board of Excise, which the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund were entitled to receive.

In view of the public way in which you have taken me to task, it may not be out of place to say that if I, as the financial officer of the Corporation of the City of New York, had furnished an account kept by me, of moneys, required to be paid by me to any officer or body, and had reserved in my hands, under a general head, a portion of such moneys, and on being asked for an explanation of this reservation, should decline to explain my own account, and give the information under my control, because the application had not been made to the Common Council, I should consider that I had convicted myself of a palpable evasion of an obvious duty.

Very respectfully,

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

A petition was received from Charles Chamberlain to be relieved from the payment of \$1,012.50 for rent of Pier No. 38, East river, for three months, the time the same was being rebuilt; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to ascertain the facts, and report.

A communication was received from George Brown in relation to adjustment of rent of certain piers designated, leased to him by the Corporation; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to ascertain the facts, and report.

Application of William A. Wheeler, assignee of lease of Charles D. Kent, of parts of Piers Nos. 12, 18, 19 and 20, East river, with bulkheads adjoining, to have said lease canceled, was received; and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to ascertain the facts, and report.

Several bills were presented and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Bill of C. H. Van Brunt, Esq., for professional services in the matter of mandamus against the Metropolitan Board of Excise, preparing brief, arguing motions, etc., \$1,000.

Which, on motion, was ordered paid.

2. Bill of "L. Eco D'Italia," for advertising sale of real estate at auction April 22, 1867, \$8.

Which, on motion, was ordered paid.

3. Bill of "National Quarterly Review," for advertising sale of ferry leases, docks and slips, houses, etc., at auction March, 1867, \$100.

Which, on motion was laid on the table.

4. Bill of Wesley Smith, I. C. Frazer and Joseph T. Martin, respectively, for services for two months (from May 25 to July 25, 1867) in examining the condition of the wharves, piers and slips, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund May 21, 1867, at \$300 per month, each, \$600.

5. Bill of W. C. Rogers & Co. for stationery for "Wharves and Piers Commission" (the parties above named) amounting to \$214.30.

6. Bill of Edward Van Raust, for coach hire for "Examining Committee of Docks and Piers" (the parties before named) amounting to \$190.

On motion, the said bills for services and expenses of the aforesaid committee were laid over to a future meeting, the parties to be notified to appear.

7. Bill of George H. Purser, for professional services rendered before the Legislature of 1867, amounting to \$1,500.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENY, Chamberlain.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 23, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office August 23, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The Comptroller submitted the following reports, which were disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Report of the Comptroller on the petition of Charles Chamberlain to be relieved from payment of rent of Pier No. 38, East river, while the same was being rebuilt.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of Charles Chamberlain to be paid the sum of \$1,012.50, amount of wharfage said to have been collected by the contractor at Pier No. 38, East river, whilst the same was being rebuilt, from August 1, 1865 to November 1, 1865, respectfully

Reports that no permission was ever given this contractor to collect the wharfage whilst rebuilding this pier, and the amount collected has never been received by the City or allowed as part payment upon the contract.

Mr. Chamberlain has had the full benefit of the pier, having been rebuilt since that date, and it would seem that the advantage thus derived would more than compensate him for any loss of time or of occupancy during the period in which the pier was being rebuilt by the contractor.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the application denied.

2. Report of the Comptroller on the proposition of John Halloway to repair and rebuild pier No. 20, North river.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the offer of John Halloway to repair the Pier No. 20, North river, upon the extension of his lease for the term of ten years, respectfully

Reports that such pier was leased to Halloway for a term of one year, from May 1, 1867, at the rent of \$9,000 per annum, with the full knowledge on the part of Halloway as to the condition of the pier, and the express understanding that he was to make, at his own cost, whatever repairs were required, and to keep the pier in good condition during the continuance of his lease.

The Comptroller would further report that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are not vested with any power, either by law or ordinance, to lease City property for a term of ten years, except at public auction, in accordance with the provisions of the amended Charter of 1857.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and the proposition declined.

3. Report of Comptroller on the application of William A. Wheeler, assignee of lease of Charles D. Kent of Piers Nos. 12, 18, 19 and 20, East river, to have said lease canceled.

In relation to the matter in dispute between William A. Wheeler, assignee of lease of Pier No. 12, East river, and Messrs. I. and N. Briggs, and the application of Mr. Wheeler to be relieved from his lease, the Comptroller respectfully

Reports that upon examination he has learned that Messrs. Wheeler and Briggs have come to an understanding relative to the subject in dispute, and that consequently there will be no need of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund giving the application of Mr. Wheeler any further attention.

Respectfully submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion the report was adopted.

4. Report of the Comptroller on the petition of George Brown in relation to rent of certain piers leased to him by the Corporation.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of George Brown for a reduction of the rent of piers foot of Fifth and Twenty-eighth streets, East river, and also to be allowed two months' rent on Pier No. 37, East river, and to be

repaid the sum of \$375 rent collected of him whilst the pier at the foot of Twenty-eighth street, East river, was fenced off by the City officials, would report as follows:

George Brown was lessee of pier foot of Fifth street and Twenty-eighth street, East river, from May 1, 1860, to May 1, 1865, at the respective rents of \$875 and \$300 per annum.

On the expiration of these terms he purchased the same piers for the further term of ten years, from May 1, 1865 (with a verbal promise that the same should be put in repair at the expense of the City), at the annual rent of \$2,075 for the pier foot Fifth street, and of \$850 for pier foot Twenty-eighth street.

He is now in arrears for rent on each pier since August 1, 1866, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,925.

In consequence of the repairs not having been done he wishes to be allowed to pay at the old rate of rent, thereby virtually setting aside the existing leases, and leaving the question of damages claimed by him unsettled.

He further requests that the sum of \$375 should be paid back to him, being the amount of rent for fifteen months of pier at Twenty-eighth street, East river, claiming that the same was in an unsafe condition, when by the provisions of his lease he was bound to keep such pier in complete repair during the continuance of the term.

He also desires an allowance of \$400, or two months' rent, on Pier No. 37, East river, in consequence of the failure on the part of the City to put such pier in repair, as stated at the time of sale.

From the best information which can be obtained, it appears that this pier was put in repair by the City in the regular course of business, and no hindrance or obstruction on its part was ever made to the lessee's collecting the rent during any portion of the time in which such repairs were being made.

He is in arrears for rent on this pier \$2,400.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the Comptroller directed to take measures to enforce the legal rights of the Corporation.

5. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Harlem and New York Navigation Company for water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, August 23, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of the Harlem and New York Navigation Company for grant of land under water in front of the upland owned by said company on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street near Third avenue, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and find the grant applied for to be an extension of a portion of a grant made to John B. Coles in 1801, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for the said land under water fixed at ten dollars per foot, running measure, and a grant issued therefor by the lines or boundaries determined and fixed by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted May 27, 1867, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, subject, nevertheless, to a lease by the Corporation to the Harlem and New York Navigation Company of the pier and bulkhead at Harlem Bridge, dated April 1, 1864, for five years from May 1, 1864.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to the Harlem and New York Navigation Company, for land under water in front of the upland owned by said company on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, near Third avenue, by the lines or boundaries determined and fixed by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted May 27, 1867, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, subject, nevertheless, to a lease by the Corporation to the Harlem and New York Navigation Company of the pier and bulkhead at Harlem Bridge, dated April 1, 1864, for five years from May 1, 1864, and that the consideration for said grant be and hereby is fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

6. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of H. McCaddin, Jr., for water grant on Harlem river, at one Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 NEW YORK, August 23, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Henry McCaddin, Jr., for grant of land under water in front of the upland owned by him on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and find the grant applied for to be an extension of a portion of the grant made to John B. Coles in 1801, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure, and a grant issued therefor by the lines or boundaries determined and fixed by resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted May 27 and July 9, 1867, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, subject, nevertheless, to a lease by the Corporation to the Harlem and New York Navigation Company of the pier and bulkhead at Harlem Bridge, dated April 1, 1864, for five years from May 1, 1864.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
 GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, the report was accepted and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Henry McCaddin, Jr., for land under water in front of the upland owned by him on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, by the lines or boundaries determined and fixed by resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted May 27 and July 9, 1867, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, subject, nevertheless, to a lease by the Corporation to the Harlem and New York Navigation Company of the pier and bulkhead at the Harlem Bridge dated April 1, 1864, for five years from May 1, 1864, and that the consideration for said grant be and the same is hereby fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

7. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Marietta Vandever for water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
NEW YORK, August 23, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Marietta Vandever for grant of land under water in front of the upland owned by her on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and find the grant applied for to be an extension of a portion of the grant made to John B. Coles in 1801, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure, and a grant issued therefor by the lines or boundaries determined and fixed by resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted May 27 and July 9, 1867, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, subject, nevertheless, to a lease by the Corporation to the Harlem and New York Navigation Company of the pier and bulkhead at Harlem Bridge dated April 1, 1864, for five years from May 1, 1864.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Marietta Vandever for land under water in front of the upland owned by her on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, by the lines or boundaries determined and fixed by resolutions of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted May 27 and July 9, 1867, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, subject, nevertheless, to a lease by the Corporation to the Harlem and New York Navigation Company of the pier and bulkhead at the Harlem Bridge, dated April 1, 1864, for five years from May 1, 1864, and that the consideration for said grant be and hereby is fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

8. The Committee appointed to examine into the conditions of the wharves, piers and slips submitted a report in relation to the progress of their examination; which, on motion, was placed on file.

9. The application of H. P. Farrington, lessee of sundry piers at sale of 1865, that the amount expended by him for necessary repairs of said piers be credited on account of rent for same, was received; and, on motion, the Comptroller was requested to submit a statement of the case to the Counsel to the Corporation, for

his opinion as to the legal power of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in the premises.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 29, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office August 29, 1867.

Present—The Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

In the absence of the Mayor the Chamberlain was appointed Chairman *pro tem*.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the bill of George H. Purser, Esq., for professional services before the Legislature of 1867, submitted the following communications in relation thereto, viz.:

No. 82 NASSAU STREET, ROOM 42, }
August 19, 1867.

Hon. RICHARD O'GORMAN:

DEAR SIR—Early in the winter you requested me to act as counsel for the Sinking Fund Commissioners before the Legislature and its committee. For the services thus rendered at Albany I inclose a claim of \$1,500 to the Hon. R. B. Connolly, Comptroller, and since you have a personal knowledge of my employment, and of the fidelity with which it was discharged, will you have the kindness to communicate with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the subject, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

GEO. H. PURSER.

[Indorsed. \$1,500 correct. Richard O'Gorman, Counsel to the Corporation.]

LAW DEPARTMENT.
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
August 23, 1867.

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller, etc.:

DEAR SIR—In answer to your letter of this date, asking me to inform you whether Mr. George H. Purser was employed by me as additional counsel to appear

at Albany on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to oppose the passage of certain sections in the proposed "Metropolitan Board of Works Bill," under the provisions of the resolution of said Commissioners, dated February 11, 1867, of which you inclosed me a copy. I beg to say that he was so employed and that I availed myself of his professional services in the argument before the committee of that matter as well as in the argument of various other questions before committees involving the rights of the City to certain real estate of which it claims to be owner under its ancient charters.

Yours truly,

RICHARD O'GORMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

On motion, the aforesaid communications were accepted, and the bill (\$1,500), as approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, ordered paid.

The Comptroller submitted a report on the application of T. Farley for water grant on the East river, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets; which, on motion, was laid over for consideration.

A communication was received from "Jno. L. Brown, President of Navy Yard "Ferry Co." in relation to repairs of pier adjoining the ferry foot of Jackson street, New York; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, to confer with the Street Commissioner on the subject.

A communication was received from Emmons Clark, Secretary Metropolitan Board of Excise, transmitting the report of Benjamin F. Manierre, Treasurer, of the expenses and salaries of said Board for 1867; which, on motion, was referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, to examine and report.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow, 30th instant, at 10.30 A. M.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOHN STACOM, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 30, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office August 30, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The examiners appointed to investigate and report in regard to the condition of the wharves, piers and slips of the Corporation appeared, and through Wesley Smith, one of their number, reported in detail in regard to their operations as far as the same had progressed in their examinations; when, on motion, they were directed to report complete the result of their examinations, as far as made, both on the East and North rivers, at their earliest convenience.

The bills for the services and expenses of the said examiners, presented on the 5th instant and laid over for consideration, were, on motion, approved and ordered paid.

The bill of the "National Quarterly Review," for advertising sale of ferry leases, etc., at auction, laid on the table at a former meeting, was taken up for consideration, and, on motion, ordered paid.

The report on the application of T. Farley for water grant on the East river, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, submitted on the 29th instant and laid over for consideration, was taken up, and, on motion, referred back to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner for consideration.

The Comptroller presented a map which he had had prepared of the Fort Gansevoort property, preparatory to its being sold at auction, which, on motion, was adopted.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office September 30, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The following petitions and applications were presented and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. The petition of William H. Aspinwall for reduction of rent of No. 24 Beaver street (\$1,050) as fixed by appraisers, in consequence of a portion of said premises having been retained by the Fire Commissioners for the use of the Metropolitan Fire Department, was received, and on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and adjust.

2. The petition of Michael K. Burke to be released from his bids for Nos. 160 Wooster street and No. 432 West Thirty-sixth street, at the Corporation sale of real estate April 22, 1867, in consequence of an injunction having been granted on the action instituted by the 'Blind Mechanics' Association to restrain the conveyance of the premises. etc., was received; and, on motion, referred to the Recorder to examine and report.

3. The application of Maltby G. Lane for "release of premises in One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, from the effects of covenants in water grant on Harlem river, dated April 13, 1867," was received, and on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

4 and 5. The application of Leonard Slote to have pier built at foot of Fifty-fourth street, East river; and the application of Nolen & Steers to lease the premises foot of Fifty-first street and Fifty-fourth street for the purpose of improving the same by building docks, at their own expense, were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report what action can be taken for the improvement of the aforesaid premises.

6. The following notice from the Commission for Erecting a Public Market in the City of New York, and report of the Counsel to the Corporation thereon, was received, viz.:

SIR—You are hereby required by the Commission for Erecting a Public Market in the City of New York to quit the premises wrongfully occupied by you, between East Sixteenth and East Seventeenth streets, and Avenue C and East river, on or before the 10th day of September next, or proceeding will be taken against you, under the law to punish nuisances and malicious trespasses on lands.

August 30, 1867.

Respectfully yours,

CEPHAS BRAINERD, Attorney for said Commission.

To Hon. JAMES R. WHITING.

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
September 16, 1867.

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, *Comptroller, etc.*:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 6th instant, in respect to the premises assigned to and occupied by Mr. James R. Whiting, at the East river, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, and the notice and petition referred to therein.

In reply thereto I beg leave to state: The premises so occupied are a part of the land belonging to the City which the "Commissioners for the Erection of a "Public Market in the Eighteenth Ward" were, by chapter 120, Laws of 1865, authorized and directed to take possession of and cause to be erected thereon such buildings of such dimensions and arrangements as they may judge most suitable and proper for a public market.

It was further provided by the same section of said act (section 2) that "no other erection shall be permitted on the same premises."

The object of the act was, it seems to me, to give the Commissioners possession of the whole of the premises therein specified, for the purpose of a market, not alone for the erection of the buildings (the number of which is not limited), but also for such other purposes as are necessarily connected therewith.

If there is no violation of the Constitution in the act, I am of opinion that the Commissioners are entitled to the possession of that portion now used by Mr. Whiting.

In reply to that part of your communication asking whether the said Commissioners "have any authority under this act to lease any portion of their lands, "and to collect the rent as it accrues," I beg to say:

The only authority given to them to lease any part of the premises is contained in the 12th section of the act referred to, which provides that "the said Commissioners shall, on completion of stands therein and premises connected therewith "for market purposes, have the power to lease the several stalls or stands

"therein, and the premises connected therewith for market purposes, such leases shall be made by public auction, after due notice, to be published for not less than three weeks in at least three public newspapers having the largest circulation and published in said City, and after such leases shall have been awarded the Comptroller shall execute the same and they shall be deposited with said Comptroller, who shall collect the rents therein named and carry out the provisions thereof."

The Commissioners, in my opinion, have, under the act, no authority to lease any part of the premises unless by public auction, and after due notice, and in no event can they collect the rents. The Comptroller, on behalf of the City, is the proper authority to execute the leases and collect the rents.

I have given what I deem to be the true construction of the acts of the Legislature on the subject of this market. I am not, however, satisfied as to the constitutional right or power of the Legislature to take the real estate of the City of New York without its consent or without compensation and to place the disposition of it in the hands of Commissioners appointed by the Legislature.

Although recent decisions would seem to imply the existence of such power, yet I am not aware of any case directly in point and covering this precise question. I think it is for the interest of the City that the matter should be litigated and a judicial determination of it obtained.

I therefore recommend that Mr. Whiting should be defended in his use of the premises in question and shall, with the consent of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, take such other measures as shall be most efficient to defend the interests of the City.

Yours truly,

RICHARD O'GORMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

On motion, the report was accepted, the recommendations adopted, and the Counsel to the Corporation authorized to take such measures as may, in his judgment, be necessary to protect the rights and interests of the City.

7. A communication was received from the President of Queens County Ferry Company in relation to real estate at Astoria, L. I., advertised by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to be sold at auction October 21, 1867, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

8. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Excise, for the months of August and September, was received as follows, viz.:

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EXCISE,
NO. 301 MOTT STREET,
NEW YORK, September 2, 1867. }

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller:

SIR—I have the honor to transmit, for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, report of license fees for month ending August 25, 1867.

Very truly,

B. F. MANIERRE, Treasurer.

To Metropolitan Board of Excise:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor herewith to submit report of funds received for licenses granted and delivered in New York County for month ending August 25:

Total amount received.....	\$7,102 92
Twenty-five per cent. reserved.....	1,775 73
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Amount due Commissioners of Sinking Fund.....	\$5,327 19
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August 25, 1867.

BENJ. F. MANIERRE, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EXCISE,
No. 301 MOTT STREET.
NEW YORK, September 27, 1867. }

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller:

SIR—I have the honor to transmit, for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, report of license fees for month ending September 25, 1867.

Very truly,

BENJ. F. MANIERRE, Treasurer.

NEW YORK, September 25, 1867.

To Metropolitan Board of Excise:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to report amount received for licenses granted and delivered in New York County from August 25 to September 25 as follows:

Gross amount received.....	\$20,122 48
Twenty-five per cent. reserved.....	5,030 62
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Balance due Sinking Fund.....	\$15,091 86
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9. The petition of Thomas Kenan to be reimbursed the expenses that may be incurred in obtaining possession of Lot No. 64 (map of sale May, 1866), north side of Fifty-second street, between Third and Lexington avenues, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to confer with the petitioner in relation to the amount of costs to be reimbursed in case proceedings may be necessary to obtain possession of said premises.

10. Bill of George W. Smith, surveyor, for maps of water front on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, amounting to \$90, was presented, and, on motion, ordered paid.

11. Bill of Samuel Riker, Esq., for services in securing such action by the Legislature as was necessary to perfect the title to that portion of Hamilton Square,

between Fourth and Fifth avenues, amounting to \$2,500, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The Mayor submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Whereas, It is believed that some disposition, by lease or otherwise, or some improvement of the Battery can be made which will promote the interests of owners of property and residents in that vicinity, increase the commercial facilities of the port, and very largely add to the revenues of the City; therefore

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to a committee of two, to consider and report upon the same.

Resolved, That said committee be authorized to have prepared all necessary surveys, plans, specifications and estimates, and to obtain such legal advice and opinion as may be required to explain fully the rights and powers of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty in the premises, and what action, legislative and otherwise, may be necessary to carry out and perfect recommendations of the committee, consistently with the views and interests of the owners of property in and residents of the First Ward."

On motion, the resolution was adopted, and the Mayor and Comptroller appointed said committee.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 17, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office October 17, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

1. The Comptroller reported on the communication of the President of Queens County Ferry Company in relation to certain lots at Astoria, L. I., to be sold at auction October 21, 1867, referred to him at the last meeting; when, on motion of the Chamberlain, it was

Resolved, That Lots Nos. 11 and 12 on the map of sale be sold subject to the legal claims, if any, of the Queens County Ferry Company, to remove the buildings thereon.

2. The Comptroller presented the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the title of the City to the premises at Corlears street and Front street, East river, as follows, viz.:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
October 15, 1867.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—In answer to your resolution requesting my opinion "as to the nature of the title of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the land under water at Corlears street and Water street, in the East river, and whether the City can give a good title thereto, free and clear of all incumbrances upon sale to other parties than those who own the existing bulkheads along Water and Corlears streets," I beg leave to say:

That the nature of the title of the Corporation to the premises in question has been carefully investigated, and the highest tribunal of this State, after argument by counsel of eminent ability, has decided that The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty

of the City of New York, by virtue of the Montgomerie Charter, are the owners in fee of the land under water along the East river to the extent of four hundred feet beyond low-water mark (*Furman vs. The Mayor*, 6 Seldan, 567).

The Corporation has, therefore, the absolute right to convey the premises in question, unless by previous grants or covenants, it has conveyed the premises or restricted its powers in relation thereto.

I infer from the papers accompanying your resolution that the grants to Gabriel Furman and Thomas Gardiner are the only existing grants which can be supposed to affect the title of the City. Concerning the rights of these grantees of the City it has been adjudged in the case above cited that the grant to Mr. Furman of the land at Corlears street, together with the covenant that the grantee and his heirs or assigns shall possess exclusive rights to the wharfage and emoluments accruing from wharves erected by him thereat, does not deprive the City of the right to sell the space between the front of the lands so conveyed to him, and the other line of the four hundred feet, to other parties.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that the Corporation can give good title, free and clear of incumbrances, upon sale of the lands mentioned to other parties other than those who own the existing bulkheads.

Yours respectfully,

RICHARD O'GORMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

3. A communication was received from W. F. Allen, Esq., requesting to be heard in relation to the pre-emptive right claimed by M. Porter in the premises at Corlears and Front streets, East river, advertised to be sold at auction the 21st instant, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners meet on Saturday, 19th instant, at 11 A. M., to hear all parties interested in the said premises, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to attend.

4. A communication was received from the Croton Aqueduct Department in relation to the sale of the old Croton Aqueduct property, "between its intersection with Eighth avenue, near Eighty-fifth street, and the upper end of the line of 6 feet "pipes," which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to confer with the Croton Aqueduct Department in order to ascertain if the property may not be sold as advertised, subject to the arrangement made by the said Department, for the removal of the embankment.

5. The bill of David D. Field, Esq., for professional services in the litigation in reference to license fees, etc., in the Court of Appeals was presented, and, on motion of the Chamberlain, ordered paid, according to arrangement, at \$5,000.

6. A communication was received from the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Fire Department requesting that house and lot on One Hundred and Nineteenth street, between Second and Third avenues (Parcel No. 18 on Map of Sale), be with-

drawn from the sale advertised to take place on the 21st instant, the same being occupied by the said Fire Department, when, on motion, the said house and lot was withdrawn from sale.

7. On motion of the Comptroller, the following terms and conditions of sale of the property to be sold 21st instant were adopted, viz.:

CORPORATION SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1867.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

Ten per cent. of purchase money, and auctioneer's fees of twenty dollars on each lot, to be paid at the Comptroller's office each day immediately after the sale, or on the following morning between the hours of 8 and 11 A. M., twenty per cent. on November next, when the deeds will be ready for delivery, and the balance (seventy per cent.), or any portion thereof, at the option of the purchaser, may remain on bond and mortgage for five years from November 1, 1867, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly.

Mortgages to include the customary thirty days' interest clause. The amount on bond and mortgage may be paid off at any time within five years, on giving one month's notice to the Comptroller, or it may be paid in installments of not less than five hundred dollars, on any day when interest is due within the five years.

The bonds and mortgages will be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, and twelve dollars and fifty cents will be charged for the expense of drawing, acknowledging and recording each separate mortgage, the necessary stamps to be supplied by the mortgagors.

Purchasers are informed that if more than one lot is included in any mortgage, the whole mortgage must be paid off before any release can be given by the Corporation, as any release of part of the premises included in a mortgage to the Corporation is forbidden by law.

The Comptroller may, at his option, resell the lots bid off by those failing to comply with the terms of sale, and the party so failing to comply will be held liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK.
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, October 17, 1867. }

In relation to the Fort Gansevoort property it was, on motion,

Resolved, That purchasers of lots fronting on the Hudson river (Thirteenth avenue) be entitled to all the water rights and advantages appertaining thereto.

The following were fixed and adopted as the minimum prices of the lots advertised to be sold on the 21st instant, viz.:

VILLAGE OF ASTORIA.

Parcel No. 1, Map Page 1.

Lot No. 1, First street, west side.....	\$1,000 00
“ 2, “ “	800 00
“ 3, “ “	800 00
“ 4, “ “	800 00
“ 5, “ “	1,500 00
Lot No. 6, First street, east side.....	1,100 00

Lots Nos. 5 and 6 to be sold “more or less” as to dimensions, the adjoining owner claiming a slight discrepancy in the boundary lines as shown on map.

Lot No. 7, First street, east side.....	\$800 00
“ 8, “ “	} 3,500 00
“ 9, “ “	
“ 10, “ “	
“ 11, Fulton street, north side.....	} 3,000 00
“ 12, “ “	

The Lots Nos. 11 and 12 to be sold subject to the legal claims, if any, of the Queens County Ferry Company, to remove the buildings thereon.

OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT.

Parcel No. 2.

Lot or Gore No. 1, Eighty-fifth street and Eighth avenue, map page 2.....	\$7,000 00
Lot or Gore No. 2, Eighty-fifth street and Eighth avenue, map page 2.....	4,500 00
Lot or Gore No. 3, Eighty-sixth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, map page 2.....	4,000 00
Lot or Gore No. 4, Eighty-sixth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, map page 2.....	3,500 00
Lot or Gore No. 5, Eighty-sixth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, map page 3.....	3,500 00
Lot or Gore No. 6, Eighty-sixth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, map page 3.....	3,400 00
Lot or Gore No. 7, Eighty-seventh street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, map page 3.....	2,000 00

Lot or Gore No. 8, Eighty-seventh street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, map page 3.....	\$1,800 00
Lot or Gore No. 9, Eighty-seventh street and Ninth avenue, map page 3.....	5,000 00
Lot or Gore No. 10, Eighty-seventh street and Ninth avenue, map page 3.....	
Lot or Gore No. 11, Eighty-eighth street, corner Ninth avenue, map page 4.....	1,000 00
Lot or Gore No. 12, Eighty-eighth street, west of Ninth avenue, map page 4.....	1,100 00
Lot or Gore No. 13, Eighty-eighth street, west of Ninth avenue, map page 4.....	900 00
Lot or Gore No. 14, Eighty-ninth street, south side Ninth avenue, map page 4.....	1,100 00
Lot or Gore No. 15, Eighty-ninth street, south side Ninth avenue, map page 4.....	1,000 00
Lot or Gore No. 16, Eighty-ninth street, north side Ninth avenue, map page 4.....	1,200 00
Lot or Gore No. 17, Eighty-ninth street, north side Ninth avenue, map page 4.....	1,200 00
Lot or Gore No. 18, Ninetieth street, south side Ninth avenue, map page 4.....	1,200 00
Lot or Gore No. 19, Ninetieth street, south side Ninth avenue, map page 4.....	1,200 00

FORT GANSEVOORT PROPERTY.

Parcel No. 3, Map Page 5.

Lot No. 1, east side Thirteenth avenue.....	\$12,000 00
" 2, " ".....	9,000 00
" 3, " ".....	9,000 00
" 4, " ".....	9,000 00
" 5, " ".....	9,000 00
" 6, " ".....	9,000 00
" 7, " ".....	12,000 00
Lot No. 8, north side Gansevoort street, between Thirteenth avenue and West Thirteenth street.....	3,500 00
Lot No. 9, north side Gansevoort street, between Thirteenth avenue and West Thirteenth street.....	3,500 00
Lot No. 10, north side Gansevoort street, between Thirteenth avenue and West Thirteenth street.....	3,500 00

Lot No. 11, north side Gansevoort street, between Thirteenth avenue and West Thirteenth street.....	\$3,500 00
Lot No. 12, north side Gansevoort street, between Thirteenth avenue and West Thirteenth street.....	3,500 00
Lot No. 13, north side Gansevoort street, between Thirteenth avenue and West Thirteenth street.....	3,500 00
Lot No. 14, north side Gansevoort street, between Thirteenth avenue and West Thirteenth street.....	3,500 00
Lot No. 15, north side Gansevoort street, between Thirteenth avenue and Thirteenth street.....	3,500 00
Lot No. 16, west side West street, between Gansevoort and — streets.	6,000 00
Lot No. 17, west side West street, between Gansevoort and — streets.	4,500 00
Lot No. 18, west side West street, between Gansevoort and — streets.	4,500 00
Lot No. 19, west side West street, between Gansevoort and — streets.	4,500 00
Lot No. 20, west side West street, between Gansevoort and — streets.	4,500 00
Lot No. 21, west side West street, between Gansevoort and — streets.	4,500 00
Lot No. 22, west side West street, between Gansevoort and — streets.	6,000 00
Lot No. 23, between Thirteenth avenue and West street, south side — street	3,500 00
Lot No. 24, between Thirteenth avenue and West street, south side — street	3,500 00
Lot No. 25, between Thirteenth avenue and West street, south side — street	3,500 00
Lot No. 26, between Thirteenth avenue and West street, south side — street	3,500 00
Lot No. 27, between Thirteenth avenue and West street, south side — street	3,500 00
Lot No. 28, between Thirteenth avenue and West street, south side — street	3,500 00
Lot No. 29, between Thirteenth avenue and West street, south side — street	3,500 00
Lot No. 30, between Thirteenth avenue and West street, south side — street	3,500 00
Lot No. 31, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and — street.	11,000 00
Lot No. 32, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and — street.	8,000 00
Lot No. 33, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and — street.	8,000 00
Lot No. 34, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and — street.	8,000 00

Lot No. 35, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and — street	\$8,000 00
Lot No. 36, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and — street.	8,000 00
Lot No. 37, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and — street.	11,000 00
Lot No. 38, north side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 39, north side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 40, north side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 41, north side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 42, north side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 43, north side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 44, north side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 45, north side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 46, west side West street, between — street and — street..	6,000 00
Lot No. 47, west side West street, between — street and — street..	4,500 00
Lot No. 48, west side West street, between — street and — street..	4,500 00
Lot No. 49, west side West street, between — street and — street..	4,500 00
Lot No. 50, west side West street, between — street and — street..	4,500 00
Lot No. 51, west side West street, between — street and — street..	4,500 00
Lot No. 52, west side West street, between — street and — street..	6,000 00
Lot No. 53, south side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 54, south side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 55, south side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 56, south side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 57, south side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 58, south side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00

Lot No. 59, south side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street	\$3,400 00
Lot No. 60, south side — street, between Thirteenth avenue and West street.	3,400 00
Lot No. 61, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	12,000 00
Lot No. 62, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
Lot No. 63, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
Lot No. 64, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
Lot No. 65, east side Thirteenth avenue between — street and West Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
Lot No. 66, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
Lot No. 67, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
Lot No. 68, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
Lot No. 69, east side Thirteenth avenue between — street and West Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
Lot No. 70, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
Lot No. 71, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	9,000 00
Lot No. 72, east side Thirteenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	10,000 00
Lot No. 73, north side — street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues	4,000 00
Lot No. 74, north side — street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.	3,900 00
Lot No. 75, north side — street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenue.	3,800 00
Lot No. 76, north side — street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.	3,700 00
Lot No. 77, north side — street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.	3,600 00
Lot No. 78, north side — street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.	3,600 00
Lot No. 79, north side — street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.	3,500 00

Lot No. 80, north side — street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues	\$3,400 00
Lot No. 81, north side — street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.	3,300 00
Lot No. 82, north side — street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.	3,300 00
Lot No. 83, west side Tenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	5,000 00
Lot No. 84, west side Tenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	4,500 00
Lot No. 85, west side Tenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	4,800 00
Lot No. 86, west side Tenth avenue, between — street and West Twelfth street.....	8,000 00
Lot No. 87, south side West Twelfth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.....	3,300 00
Lot No. 88, south side West Twelfth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.....	3,300 00
Lot No. 89, south side West Twelfth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.....	3,400 00
Lot No. 90, south side West Twelfth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.....	3,500 00
Lot No. 91, south side West Twelfth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.....	3,600 00
Lot No. 92, south side West Twelfth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.....	3,600 00
Lot No. 93, south side West Twelfth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.....	3,700 00
Lot No. 94, south side West Twelfth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.....	3,800 00
Lot No. 95, south side West Twelfth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.....	3,900 00
Lot No. 96, south side West Twelfth street, between Tenth and Thirteenth avenues.....	4,000 00

MARKET SQUARE.

Parcel No. 4, Map Page 6.

Lot No. 1, north side One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Sylvan place and Third avenue.....	\$2,500 00
Lot No. 2, north side One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Sylvan place and Third avenue.....	2,000 00

Lot No. 3, north side One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Sylvan place and Third avenue.....	\$2,000 00
Lot No. 4, north side One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, between Sylvan place and Third avenue.....	2,000 00
Lot No. 5, west side Third avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets.....	7,500 00
Lot No. 6, west side Third avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets.....	5,500 00
Lot No. 7, west side Third avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets.....	5,300 00
Lot No. 8, west side Third avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets.....	5,500 00
Lot No. 9, west side Third avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets.....	5,500 00
Lot No. 10, west side Third avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets.....	5,500 00
Lot No. 11, west side Third avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets.....	5,500 00
Lot No. 12, west side Third avenue, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets.....	7,500 00
Lot No. 13, south side One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between Sylvan place and Third avenue.....	2,000 00
Lot No. 14, south side One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between Sylvan place and Third avenue.....	2,000 00
Lot No. 15, south side One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between Sylvan place and Third avenue.....	2,000 00
Lot No. 16, south side One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between Sylvan place and Third avenue.....	2,500 00

Parcel No. 5, Map Page 7.

School-house and lot on south side Rivington street, near Goerck street, subject to lease till December 20, 1867, at \$200 per annum....	\$7,500 00
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Parcel No. 6, Map Page 7.

House and lot. No. 399 Cherry street, subject to lease till May 1, 1869, at \$200 per annum.....	\$7,000 00
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Parcel No. 7, Map Page 7.

House and lot. No. 242 South street, subject to lease till May 1, 1869, at \$1,500 per annum.....	\$11,000 00
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Parcel No. 8, Map Page 7.

Plot of ground (water grant) on the southeast corner of Corlears and
Water streets..... \$20,000 00

Parcel No. 9, Map Page 8.

Plot of land north side of Rivington street 39 feet 10½ inches from the
northeast corner of Rivington and Goerck streets (79 feet front on
Rivington street by 81 feet 3 inches)..... \$9,500 00

Parcel No. 10, Map Page 8.

House and lot, No. 174 Mulberry street (withdrawn).....

Parcel No. 11, Map Page 8.

House and lot, No. 94 Crosby street..... \$20,000 00

Parcel No. 12, Map Page 8.

House and lot, No. 48 Horatio street, subject to lease till December 20,
1867, at \$325 per annum..... \$7,000 00

Parcel No. 13, Map Page 9.

House and lot, No. 110 East Thirteenth street, subject to lease till May
1, 1868, at \$350 per annum..... \$12,500 00

Parcel No. 14, Map Page 9.

House and lot, No. 135 East Twenty-sixth street, subject to lease till
September 1, 1868, at \$1,000 per annum..... \$9,000 00

Parcel No. 15, Map Page 9.

House and lot, No. 202 West Thirty-first street, subject to lease till
December 20, 1867, at \$460 per annum..... \$9,500 00

Parcel No. 16, Map Page 9.

House and lot, Nos. 106 and 108 East Fiftieth street, part of house (No.
108), subject to lease till May 1, 1869, at \$200 per annum..... \$8,000 00

Parcel No. 17, Map Page 10.

Lot of ground north side of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, 115 feet from the northeast corner of Fourth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.....

\$2,500 00

Parcel No. 18, Map Page 10.

Withdrawn. In use by Fire Department.

Parcel No. 19, Map Page 10.

House and lot south side of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, 440 feet from southeast corner of Fourth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-first street.....

\$6,500 00

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENY, Chamberlain.

GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 21, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office October 21, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

W. F. Allen, Esq., counsel for Mortimer Porter, was heard in relation to the right claimed by Mr. Porter, by virtue of a former grant of adjoining property, to a plot of ground at Corlears and Front streets, East river, advertised to be sold this day, when, on motion of the Chamberlain, it was

Resolved, That the said plot of ground (Parcel No. 8 on Map of Sale) be sold by the following boundaries and subject to the following conditions, viz.:

"All that piece of land under water bounded westerly by Corlears street; "southerly by the southerly exterior bulkhead line running easterly from Corlears street, laid down on the map of the State Harbor Commissioners; easterly by "the easterly exterior bulkhead line on said map. and northerly by Water street, "with all wharfage rights on said land, and on Water street east of said lands, "subject, however, to the obligation to extend and complete Water street to the "width of fifty feet from Corlears to East street, and subject to the rights of Gabriel "Furman and his assigns under a Corporation deed dated 20th July, 1804, and "recorded in the Comptroller's office in Book E of Grants, at page 162."

It was stated by the Comptroller that No. 174 Mulberry street (Parcel No. 10 on Map of Sale) was required by the Board of Education for public school purposes, when, on motion, the said house and lot No. 174 Mulberry street was withdrawn from the sale.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the communication from the Croton Aqueduct Department in relation to sale of Aqueduct lots, reported, recommending

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that the Aqueduct lots be sold subject to the right of the City to remove the material of the old aqueduct, which, on motion, was adopted.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

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NOVEMBER 20, 1867.
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At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office November 20, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

I. G. Haviland appeared before the Commissioners requesting to be heard in relation to the proceedings being taken to collect rents due on north half of Pier No. 53 and Pier No. 54, North river, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That proceedings in said case be stayed until Mr. Haviland has been heard before the Commissioners in relation thereto.

The Comptroller reported that the estimated amount of "Surplus Revenues of the Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt" for the year 1867, and deducted from the tax levy of said year (see page 17 of Doc. 7, Board of Supervisors) was \$1,130,000. and that the said amount had been transferred (as per chapter 163, Laws of the State, of 1862) to the General Fund by warrants executed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as follows, viz.:

June 20, Warrant No. 3, for.....	\$300,000 00
August 20, Warrant No. 39, for.....	400,000 00
October 25, Warrant No. 52, for.....	430,000 00
	\$1,130,000 00
	\$1,130,000 00

Which, on motion, was approved, and ordered on the minutes.

The Mayor submitted the following statements, viz.:

Revenue Bonds of 1867 held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, viz.:

No. 2, City, payable December 15, 1867.....	\$250,000 00
No. 9, City, payable December 15, 1867.....	400,000 00
No. 15, City, payable December 15, 1867.....	200,000 00
No. 96, City, payable December 31, 1867.....	250,000 00
No. 97, City, payable January 15, 1868.....	200,000 00
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Amount City Revenue Bonds.....	\$1,300,000 00
No. 14, County, payable December 15, 1867.....	\$150,000 00
No. 23 County, payable January 15, 1868.....	200,000 00
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	350,000 00
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Total amount Revenue Bonds.....	\$1,650,000 00
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New York, November 7, 1867.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Stock Clerk.

Stocks maturing at an early date and the amount held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

Five per cent. Fire Indemnity Stock, payable May 10, 1868.....	\$402,768 00
Amount held by Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.....	187,600 00
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Amount outstanding.....	\$215,168 00
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Five per cent. Water Stock, payable November 1, 1870.....	\$3,000,200 00
Amount held by Commissioners of Sinking Fund.....	414,248 00
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Amount outstanding.....	\$2,585,952 00
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November 7, 1867.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Stock Clerk.

The aforesaid statements were accepted, and the following resolution, submitted by the Mayor, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund will receive payment of the Revenue Bonds held by them at any time before maturity, as the Comptroller may judge expedient or necessary.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to invest, in his discretion, on account of the Sinking Fund for the Payment of City Debt, in the five per cent. Fire Indemnity Stock of 1868 and five per cent. Water Stock of 1870,

said stocks being redeemable from the said fund and maturing at an early day, and, as far as practicable, give appropriate notice to the holders of said stocks.

The Comptroller reported on the following petitions and applications referred to him as follows, viz.:

1. Petition of Leonard Slote to have pier built at the foot of Fifty-fourth street, East river.

The Comptroller reported that the Commissioners have no power to grant the petition.

Report adopted.

2. Application of Nolen & Steers to lease premises foot of Fifty-first street and Fifty-fourth street, East river, for the purpose of improving the same by building docks thereon, at their own expense.

The Comptroller reported that the Commissioners have no power to authorize the building of piers.

Report adopted.

3. Application of Maltby G. Lane for a release of a portion of water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, from certain clauses in said grant.

The Comptroller reported that the application cannot be granted.

Report adopted.

4. The Comptroller also reported on the bill of Samuel Riker, Esq., for professional services in obtaining the passage of an act by the Legislature to alter the map of the City discontinuing a portion of Hamilton square; that the services had been rendered, and recommended that the bill (\$2,500) be paid.

Report adopted, and bill ordered paid.

Applications.

The following applications for water grants were presented and referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

1. Application of Joseph W. Duryea for water grant on North river, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets.

2. Application of Western Union Telegraph Company for water grant on the North river, between Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth streets.

3. Application of New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company for water grant on the North river, at Watts and Desbrosses streets.

4. Application of Charles M. Connolly for water grant on Harlem river, between Two Hundred and Tenth and Two Hundred and Fourteenth streets.

5. Application of New York Protestant Episcopal Public School for water grant on the East river, between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-ninth streets.

6. Application of E. S. Higgins & Co. for water grant on North river, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets.

Petitions.

The following petitions were presented and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Petition of W. A. Freeborn, lessee of Piers Nos. 43 and 44, East river, for a reduction of rent, etc.

Ordered on file.

2. Petition of W. A. Freeborn, lessee of Pier No. 48, East river, for allowance for damage in consequence of nonrepair of said pier (declines to pay rent).

Ordered on file.

3. Petition of T. W. Parker, executor of R. V. Money, lessee of Lots Nos. 48, 50 and 52 Chatham street, for renewal of lease.

As the present does not expire until 1873, no action is necessary or proper until that time.

Petition laid on the table.

4. Petition of R. H. Shannon for compensation for cost, etc., in the suit of W. Wright against the said Shannon in relation to lot in Forty-first street.

Referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

5. Petition (proposal) of the executors of George Bruce for statement of claims growing out of sale of premises in City Hall place.

Referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Bills.

The following bills were presented and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Bill of E. Van Ranst, for coach hire for Examining Committee on Docks, Piers and Slips, \$120.

Ordered paid, when approved by committee.

2. Bill of E. Van Ranst, for coach hire for Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, \$15.

Ordered paid.

3. Bills of Wesley Smith, J. T. Martin and J. C. Fraser for services in examining wharves, piers and slips (two months), from August 25 to October 25, 1867, at \$300 per month, each, \$600.

Ordered paid.

4. Bill of Wesley Smith, for amount paid for boat hire, etc., for Committee to Examine Docks, Piers and Slips, \$73.84.

Ordered paid, when approved by committee.

5. Bill of A. Herrick & Sons, for engraving, printing, binding, etc., 2,500 books of maps of real estate sold at auction October 21, 1867, \$1,097.50.

Ordered paid on recommendation of the Comptroller.

6. Bill of W. Barkhouse & Co., for posting bills of auction sale of real estate, \$70.

Ordered paid.

7. Bill of Bayley & Wiley, for surveys, maps, plans, etc., of real estate sold at auction October, 1867, \$3,440.

Referred to the Comptroller and the Chamberlain to examine and report.

8. Bill of James J. Ashley, for rent of office for use of Committee to Examine Docks, Piers and Slips, five months (from May 5 to October 25, 1867), \$200.

Bill not to be paid.

9. Bill of J. H. Draper & Co., for use of exchange salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, for Corporation sale of real estate, October, 1867, \$258.

Not to be paid by the Commissioners (bill of a like character formerly paid by the auctioneer).

10. Bill of G. W. Blunt and A. J. Bleecker, for services as appraisers of Fort Gansevoort and other property, \$5,121.37.

Referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

11. Bill of Leander Buck, for services as appraiser of real estate of Corporation, sold at auction October, 1867, \$1,924.50.

Referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

12. Bills of J. O. Howard and S. V. Moody, for compiling returns of unpaid Croton water rents for 1866, \$223.36.

Laid over.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 31, 1867.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 31, 1867.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The Comptroller reported on the following bills, referred to him at the last meeting, viz.:

Bill of G. W. Blunt and A. J. Bleecker, for services as appraisers of the Fort Gansevoort and other property, for \$5,121.37, allowed and paid at \$4,000.

Bill of Leander Buck, for services as appraiser of real estate of the Corporation, sold at auction October, 1867, for \$1,924.50, allowed and paid at \$1,500.

On motion, report accepted and approved.

A communication was received from H. McCaddin, Jr., in relation to his services as appraiser of real estate of the Corporation for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, when, on motion, it was ordered that he be paid the same amount for his services in connection with the sale of real estate in October, 1867, as was paid Leander Buck, viz., \$1,500.

On motion,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Comptroller to examine the claim of H. McCaddin, Jr., for services rendered in appraising real estate of the Corporation, under the administration of M. T. Brennan, late Comptroller, and report what amount, in his judgment, Mr. McCaddin should be paid for the said services.

Reports.

The Comptroller submitted the following reports, which were disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of C. M. Connolly for water grant on the Harlem river, between Two Hundred and Tenth and Two Hundred and Eleventh streets and Two Hundred and Twelfth and Two Hundred and Fourteenth streets, which, on motion, was laid over for consideration.

2. Report of the Comptroller on the application of R. H. Shannon to be paid counsel fees, etc., for defending the title to lot formerly part of Cheeseman street.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Robert H. Shannon to be allowed the sum of \$1,000 for counsel fees, etc., connected with the defense of the title to a portion of a lot in Forty-first street, near Broadway, sold by the City in 1845, the same being part of an old street known as Cheeseman street,

Reports that actions at law were brought against all the holders of the land included in said Cheeseman street, which had been conveyed by the City by warranty deeds, and that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have paid to the heirs of William Wright, deceased, the proportionate amount of consideration received by the City of New York for that portion of the lands conveyed by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, and included in said old street, with the sole exception, however, of the lot now owned by Mr. Shannon, and release in each case has been executed to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty for the same, that the amount to which the heirs of William Wright would be entitled, upon a settlement of that part of Mr. Shannon's lot, which was included in Cheeseman street by the calculation as was adjusted, is \$192.72, which is the full sum for which the City can be held accountable. It appearing, therefore, that Mr. Shannon's claim for services in defending the title is five times greater than the interest involved, and that no adjustment has been made by him with the heirs of Wright, the question in controversy not having been yet determined, the Comptroller would recommend that nothing be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

3. Report of the Comptroller on the application of the executors of George Bruce, deceased, to settle for purchase of lot at auction in City Hall place.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of the executors of George Bruce, deceased, to close the purchase made by him of the lot in City Hall

place in 1864, by the payment of the balance of the sum at which said lot was knocked down, \$12,600, with interest at seven per cent. per annum from May 1, 1864, Mr. Bruce's estate to be released from all claim for rent since 1860, and the executors to release the City from all demands for the value of the building erected in pursuance of the original lease in 1820,

Reports that the facts set forth in such application are correct, that no rent has been paid since 1860, which, under the last term was \$150 per annum, that the premises in question were sold at public auction for the sum of \$14,000 on April 9, 1864, ten per cent. of the purchase money having been paid upon the sale at that time.

In view of all the circumstances connected with this case, there being an outstanding claim on the part of the heirs of Bruce, for the value of the building erected under the lease of 1820, and that a settlement by an action at law would involve a long and expensive litigation, he would recommend that the proposition of the executors be accepted, and a deed for the property delivered to them upon the terms offered in their application, the heirs to pay all taxes and assessments which have accrued, or may now be unpaid thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

4. Report of the Recorder on the application of Michael K. Burke to be released from bids for real estate, Parcels Nos. 42 and 58, sale of April 22, 1867.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Michael K. Burke, begs leave to

Report that said Burke, at the sale of Corporation property made on the 22d day of April last, bid upon two of the lots then offered for sale, to wit, Parcels Nos. 42 and 58 on the Map of Sale, and paid ten per cent. of the amount agreed to be paid, according to the terms of sale, said Parcel No. 58 comprises premises No. 432 West Thirty-sixth street, now in the possession of the Blind Mechanics' Association.

This association was incorporated by the Legislature of the State by an act passed April 21, 1862 (chapter 411).

It originally entered into possession under a lease from the Corporation for one year from May 1, 1866.

By an act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to Amend the Charter of the "Blind Mechanics' Association," passed April 19, 1867 (chapter 468), it is provided

that the Comptroller shall execute a lease of the said premises to the association, to continue as long as the premises are used by the said association, for the purposes set forth in its charter, at a yearly rent of one dollar.

After the aforesaid sale, and on or about the 30th day of April last, and after the refusal by the Comptroller to comply with the terms of said act, the said association commenced an action in the Supreme Court against the Corporation of the City of New York, the Comptroller and the said Burke as the purchaser of said premises at said sale, for the purpose of obtaining the lease under the provisions of the act last mentioned, and to restrain the delivery of any deed of said premises to the said Burke.

That an injunction was granted in said action according to the prayer of the complaint during the pendency of said action which is still pending, and such injunction is still in force.

By the terms of sale aforesaid, possession was to be given to said Burke of said premises on the first day of May last.

In consequence of the litigation in respect to said premises, and the injunction above referred to, Mr. Burke has been unable to obtain either a conveyance or possession of such premises, and, in my opinion, he has a good cause of action against the Corporation for his damages in the premises.

In view of these facts and circumstances above stated, I would advise that the proposition made by Mr. Burke to release the Corporation from all claim which he has for damages in the premises, in consideration of the release by the Corporation of Mr. Burke from his contract to purchase the other parcel (No. 42 on Map of Sale), and the return without interest of the ten per cent. paid by him on account of both parcels, be accepted.

This course is, in my opinion, not only just toward Burke, but will be to the advantage and best interests of the Corporation.

Nothing is lost by the acceptance of this offer—the City remains the owner, as before, of the several parcels, which are increasing in value, and additional litigation is prevented.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated December 11, 1867.

JOHN K. HACKETT.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

The application of William A. Wheeler for reduction of rent, etc., on Piers Nos. 12, 18, 19 and 20, East river, was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The Comptroller submitted the following statement in relation to the payment of fees of Collector of City Revenue, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, December 31, 1867. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—During the year 1867 the Collector of City Revenue has made collections of the revenues of the Sinking Fund as follows:

Sinking Fund (Debt Account).....	\$1,174,684 51
Sinking Fund (interest).....	572,071 68
Total.	<u>\$1,746,756 19</u>

Which amount has been duly paid into the Treasury.

The fees upon said collections (one and one-quarter per cent.), as authorized by ordinance of the Common Council, amount to \$21,834.44, and have been paid from the City Treasury.

Upon an examination of the ordinance establishing the sinking funds it is evident that it was the intention of the Common Council to provide that the net amount only of its revenues should be paid over. In view of this fact I respectfully suggest that the fees to be paid out as above on amount of collections of revenues of the Sinking Fund, be refunded to the City Treasury.

Sinking Fund debt \$1,114,684.51, at one and one-quarter per cent.....	\$14,683 55
Sinking Fund interest \$572,071 68, at one and one-quarter per cent....	7,150 89
	<u>\$21,834 44</u>

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion of the Chamberlain, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Collector of City Revenue has paid into the City Treasury, to the credit of the Sinking Fund, the proceeds of sales of real estate, the collection of interest on bonds and mortgages and other revenues collected by him, without deducting therefrom the commissions, which by law and the City ordinances he was entitled to receive, which commission amounts, as appears by the Comptroller's report, to the sum of \$21,834.44, being in excess of the appropriation by the

Legislature for such expenses of \$15,834.44, and which latter amount has been advanced from the City Treasury.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn, payable to the order of the Comptroller, for the said sum of \$15,834.44 so advanced as aforesaid.

The following statements were submitted in relation to the surplus revenues of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
December 30, 1867.

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—The Act, chapter 163, Laws of 1862, authorizes the surplus revenues of the Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt to be transferred to the General Fund of the Corporation at the end of each year.

The surplus on this account at this date is, say \$330,000; amount required for payment of interest February 1, 1868, say \$170,000; authorized to be transferred, \$163,000.

Please lay the matter before the Sinking Fund for their action.

Very respectfully

R. A. STORRS, Deputy Comptroller.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars of the "Surplus Revenues" of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt for 1867 be transferred to the "General Fund," in accordance with the provisions of chapter 163, Laws of 1862, and that a warrant be executed payable to the order of the Chamberlain for that purpose.

The application of William W. Burnham for pay for extra services in connection with sales of real estate in May, 1866, and October, 1867, taking acknowledgments of deeds, bonds and mortgages, etc., was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with the recommendation that \$1,000 be provided in the tax levy to pay Mr. Burnham for extra services as stated in his petition.

The application of the New York Printing Company for payment of \$10,000 on account of engraving and printing maps of piers and bulkheads was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to pay such an amount, not exceeding \$10,000, as he may consider proper on account of said work.

[DECEMBER 31, 1867.]

The Comptroller submitted the following statement in relation to the balance of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of City Debt, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
New York, December 31, 1867.

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, *Comptroller*:

The amount to the credit of the Sinking Fund Debt Account of this date is about \$1,186,000. This amount can be invested as provided by the Sinking Fund ordinances.

The Treasury of the City having made large advances on account of the Street Improvement Fund it is recommended that \$800,000 of the above amount be invested in Street Improvement Fund Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York, to be made payable November 1, 1870, at six per cent. interest per annum.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

R. A. STORRS, *Deputy Comptroller*.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to invest the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars of the revenues of the Debt Fund out of the amount now on deposit in Street Improvement Fund Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New York, said bonds to be made payable November 1, 1870. Interest at six per cent.

The Comptroller submitted the following opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the title of the City to premises on West Broadway, bid off by Franklin S. Kinney at auction in 1867, viz.:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
December 13, 1867.

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, *Comptroller, etc.*:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to state that, in compliance with your request, I caused the title of the City to the premises known as No. 128 West Broadway, sold to Franklin S. Kinney at the sale of City real estate on 22d April last, to be examined, and have duly considered the several objections made by such purchaser to the title of the City.

I am of opinion that the City has a good title to the said premises, and that the purchaser can be compelled to complete his said purchase.

Yours truly,

RICHARD O'GORMAN, *Counsel to the Corporation*.

On motion, the opinion was ordered on the minutes, and the Comptroller authorized to take such action as may be necessary to compel Mr. Kinney to close his purchase.

The application of John Bayne for release or confirmatory deed of the premises on the Hudson river, between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets and Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, conveyed to him and James Phalen by water grant from the Corporation dated December 20, 1852, was presented, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the application be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to examine and report, and in case the facts are found to be as stated in the application, to prepare the necessary papers (as in the case of the executors of C. C. Moore) to confirm the said grants.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner to examine and report, viz.:

1. Application of Aaron Jacobs for water grant on the East river, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets.
2. Application of Mary R. Handley and others for water grant on the North river, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.
3. Application of James G. Bennett for water grant on the North river at Fort Washington.
4. Application of William Menzies for water grant on the North river, between Forty-fourth and Forty-sixth streets.
5. Application of Francis McCabe for water grant on East river, at Eighty-sixth street.

Sundry bills for advertising sale of real estate, etc., were presented, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The following preamble and resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was adopted, viz.:

Whereas, In conformity with the ordinance in relation to the Sinking Fund, passed February 22, 1844, it is necessary that a certificate be given under the hands of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, setting forth that all real estate sold under their direction was sold pursuant to said ordinance; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby certify that the real estate hereafter enumerated (sale of April, 1867) was sold under our direction and in conformity with the provisions of the aforesaid ordinance, and that the price set opposite each lot is the true price for which the same was sold; and that the amount stated as having been paid on account of the purchase money on each and every lot of the said lots have been paid

into the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, and the balance of the purchase money secured by bond and mortgage, viz.:

PARCEL No.	NAMES OF PURCHASERS.	AMOUNT SOLD FOR.	CONSIDERATION PAID.	BOND AND MORTGAGE.
1	Patrick Joyce.....	\$5,300 00	\$1,590 00	\$3,710 00
3	Charles Spellmeyer and Anna M. Ebling.....	53,000 00	15,900 00	37,100 00
4	John McKeason and Daniel C. Robins.....	20,000 00	20,000 00	.....
5	William Hughes.....	8,900 00	2,670 00	6,230 00
6	Patrick Joyce.....	5,700 00	1,710 00	3,990 00
7	Mary Jane Ackerman.....	40,100 00	12,100 00	28,000 00
10	Samuel Engle.....	25,600 00	7,680 00	17,920 00
13	William Nealis.....	13,300 00	5,000 00	8,300 00
14	John Halloway.....	10,000 00	3,000 00	7,000 00
16	".....	6,300 00	1,890 00	4,410 00
17	John McSwegan.....	9,900 00	9,900 00	.....
19	John Judd.....	12,900 00	3,870 00	9,030 00
20	Peter E. Fitzpatrick.....	9,600 00	2,880 00	6,720 00
23	Thomas D. Bailey.....	12,900 00	3,870 00	9,030 00
24	Gulian V. Quilliaud.....	7,100 00	2,130 00	4,970 00
25	Annie M. Gilon.....	12,000 00	3,000 00	7,000 00
27	William M. Giles.....	9,100 00	2,730 00	6,370 00
28	John Randall.....	9,900 00	2,970 00	6,930 00
29	John Connolly.....	14,100 00	4,230 00	9,870 00
30	Johanna Schenieder.....	11,150 00	3,345 00	7,805 00
33	John Randall.....	11,300 00	3,390 00	7,910 00
34	Andrew Mills.....	3,900 00	3,900 00	.....
35	Eliza Darcy.....	2,800 00	840 00	1,960 00
38	Henry Mueller.....	8,000 00	2,400 00	5,600 00
39	Adam Schlegel.....	9,900 00	2,970 00	6,930 00
43	Henry J. Howard.....	23,750 00	7,125 00	16,625 00
44	McPherson and Donald Smith.....	14,600 00	2,380 00	10,220 00
45	Owen Keenan.....	13,900 00	6,400 00	7,500 00
47	Eagleton Manf. Co. (25 feet front sold).....	7,400 00	2,220 00	5,180 00
50	Charles B. Wood, Lot No. 1.....	5,250 00	1,575 00	3,675 00
50	" " 2.....	5,250 00	1,575 00	3,675 00
51	John H. Brady.....	9,100 00	2,730 00	6,370 00
52	".....	8,600 00	2,580 00	6,020 00
53	John Berryman, Sr., Lot No. 2.....	6,400 00	1,920 00	4,480 00
54	Bryan Duggan, Lot No. 2.....	3,300 00	3,300 00	.....

PARCEL No.	NAMES OF PURCHASERS.	AMOUNT SOLD FOR.	CONSIDERATION PAID.	BOND AND MORTGAGE.
54	Bryan Duggan, Lot No. 3	\$3,300 00	\$1,650 00	\$1,650 00
56	Francis A. Palmer, Chas J. Johnson and G. Shephard.	9,400 00	9,400 00	.....
59	Fredrick K. Keller.....	6,000 00	3,800 00	4,200 00
		\$447,000 00	\$170,620 00	\$276,380 00

Correct:

WM. W. BURNHAM, Bookkeeper.

C. W. LAWRENCE.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

CHARLES E. LOEW, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 21, 1868.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office January 21, 1868.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

On motion of the Comptroller the Mayor was appointed Chairman.

On motion of the Comptroller W. H. Dikeman was appointed Clerk, salary same as last year.

A communication was received from D. McMahon, Esq., counsel for Alexander McCotter, proposing to sell certain lots on Ward's Island to the Corporation, which, on motion, was referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller to examine and report.

The Comptroller submitted the following reports of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on application for water grants, which were disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Report on the application of Joseph W. Duryea for water grant on the North river, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
January 18, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Joseph W. Duryea for grant of land under water on the North river, in front of upland owned by him, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred and find that the grant applied for includes the entire front of the block between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, extending 469 feet 2 inches to Twelfth avenue and 100 feet from Twelfth avenue to bulkhead line, making a total of 569 feet 2 inches (excluding the width of the avenue) to the bulkhead line, and 300 feet from bulkhead to pier line.

We recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the following resolution adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Joseph W. Duryea for land under water on the North or Hudson river, in front of upland owned by him, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, extending to the exterior line as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at one hundred and fifty dollars per foot front, running measure.

2. Report on the application of E. S. Higgins & Co. for water grant on the North river, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets.

On motion, laid over for consideration.

3. Report on the application of the New York Protestant Episcopal Public School for water grant on the East river, between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-ninth streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
December 13, 1867.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of the New York Protestant Episcopal Public School (James F. Chamberlain, agent) for grant of land under water on the East river in front of upland owned by said public school, between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-ninth streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at fifty dollars (\$50) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the following resolution adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to the New York Protestant Episcopal Public School for land under water on the East river in front of the upland owned by said public school, between Seventy-sixth and Seventy-ninth streets, extending to the exterior line as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at fifty dollars per foot front, running measure.

4. Report on the application of the Western Union Telegraph Company for water grant on the North river, at Fifty-fifth street.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
January 18, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of the "Western Union Telegraph Company" for grant of land under water on the Hudson river, on the south side of Fifty-fifth street, in front of upland owned by said company, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and find, on examination, that said company claim a frontage on the river of 15 feet 10 inches on the south side of Fifty-fifth street, and that the bulkhead line extends 100 feet beyond Twelfth avenue, and the pier line 300 feet beyond the bulkhead line. There is a pier at the foot of Fifty-fifth street extending 302 feet. A bulkhead is also built between Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth streets (with the exception of the 15 feet 10 inches claimed by said company) which is used for commercial purposes.

We recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars per foot, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the following resolution adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to the Western Union Telegraph Company for land under water on the

North river in front of the upland owned by said company, on the south side of Fifty-fifth street, extending to the exterior line as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at one hundred and fifty dollars per foot front, running measure.

The following applications were received, and referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner to examine and report, viz.:

1. Application of James H. Welsh and Richard Kelly for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Fifth streets.

2. Application of Maria S. Connolly for water grant on the North river, between Two Hundred and Seventh and Two Hundred and Ninth streets, at Tubby Hook.

The following resolution was submitted by the Chamberlain, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That as the work of the Inspectors of the Wharves and Piers has been completed, that they be notified that no further compensation will be paid to them from date.

The bills of S. V. Moody and I. E. Howard, for compiling returns of unpaid Croton water rents of 1866, laid over November 20, 1867, was, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 2, 1868.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 2, 1868.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Petitions and Applications.

The following petitions and applications were presented and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Petition of Mary R. Handley and others for confirmation of certain water grants between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, North river, originally issued to Samuel Boyd June 2, 1827, and William Hockman September 1, 1847, which, on motion, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to examine and report, and in case the facts are found to be as stated in the application to prepare the necessary papers to confirm said grants, as in the case of Clement C. Moore and others of a like nature.

2. The petition of Pinkney & Spink, attorneys for Peter Magee, to be remunerated for costs, etc., in obtaining possession of lot on Third avenue, near Fifty-sixth street, sold at auction in June, 1866.

On motion, the petition was referred to the Comptroller to inform the parties that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have no power to grant the petition.

3. Petition of D. & P. McMahon, attorneys for Alfred E. Beach, for partition of certain water rights and lands under water around Ward's Island.

On motion, the petition was placed on file.

4. Application of C. G. Mitchel to purchase lot No. 72 Elm street.

On motion, the application was placed on file.

5. Application of Burdett Jones & Co. to be released from lease of Franklin Market property.

On motion, the application was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

6. Application of Metropolitan Police Department for building adjoining the station-house in East Fifty-ninth street for the use of said Department.

On motion, the application was referred to the Comptroller to inform the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police Department that said building is occupied by the North Eastern Dispensary, under lease by authority of the Common Council.

7. Application of New York Orphan Asylum Society for water grant on the North river, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fifth streets.

Referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

8. Application of Parmenus Johnson for water grant on the East river, between Warren and Baltic streets, Brooklyn.

Referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

9. Application of Stephen Roberts and others for water grant on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets.

Referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

10. Application of Sarah M. Walch for water grant north side of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues.

Referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

Reports.

The following reports were submitted and approved of as follows, viz.:

11. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Aaron Jacobs for water grant on the East river, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK.
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
February 28, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Aaron Jacobs for grant of land under water on the East river, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, respectfully

Report that they have examined the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price of said land under water fixed at fifty dollars (\$50) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, report accepted, and following resolution adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Aaron Jacobs for land under water on the East river in front of the upland owned by him, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at fifty dollars per foot front, running measure.

12. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Francis McCabe for water grant on the East river, at Eighty-sixth street.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
February 28, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Francis McCabe for grant of land under water on the East river, at Eighty-sixth street, respectfully

Report that they have examined the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at fifty dollars (\$50) the upland owned by him, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, extending exterior line of the City as now fixed by law and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, report accepted, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Francis McCabe for land under water on the East river in front of the upland owned by him, at Eighty-sixth street, extending to the exterior line of

the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions at fifty dollars (\$50) per foot front, running measure.

13. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Mary Tone for water grant on creek running from Harlem river, One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-second streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK,

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

February 25, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the application of Mary Tone for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by her on the easterly side of the creek running from Harlem river across and parallel with the Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-second streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that application be granted, the price of said land under water fixed at five dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor extending to the centre line of said creek, containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, report accepted, and the following resolution adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Mary Tone for land under water in front of the upland owned by her on the easterly side of the creek running from Harlem river across and parallel with the Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-second streets, extending to the centre line of the said creek, and containing the usual covenants, at five dollars (\$5) per foot front, running measure.

14. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Charles M. Connolly for water grant on Harlem river, between Two Hundred and Tenth and Two Hundred and Eleventh and Two Hundred and Twelfth and Two Hundred and Fourteenth streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK,

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

December 13, 1867.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the application of Charles M. Connolly for grant of land under water on

Harlem river in front of the upland owned by him, between Two Hundred and Tenth and Two Hundred and Eleventh streets and between Two Hundred and Twelfth and Two Hundred and Fourteenth streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at one dollar per foot front, running measure, and that a grant or grants be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, report accepted, and the following resolution adopted.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant or grants to be issued to Charles M. Connolly for land under water on Harlem river in front of upland owned by him, between Two Hundred and Tenth and Two Hundred and Eleventh streets, and between Two Hundred and Twelfth and Two Hundred and Fourteenth streets, extending to the exterior line as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at one dollar per foot front, running measure.

15. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of E. S. Higgins & Co. for water grant on the North river, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK.
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
December 13, 1867.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of E. S. Higgins & Co. for grant of land under water on the North river, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, in front of upland owned by them, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor, containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, report accepted, and the following resolution adopted.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to E. S. Higgins & Co. for land under water in front of upland owned by them on the North river, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, extending to the exterior line as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) per foot front, running measure.

16. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of William Menzies for confirmation of certain water grants on the North river between Forty-fourth and Forty-sixth streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
February 27, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the petition of William Menzies to have certain grants issued for land under water on the North river, between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, and Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets, issued to J. V. Westervelt, dated June 14, 1850, to Francis B. Cutting and Charles King, dated July 18, 1850, confirmed, respectfully

Report that the case is similar to those of C. C. Moore, Cornelius Ray and others, in which confirmatory grants have been made to the parties in interest, and a release of the whole of the premises conveyed by the original water grants.

It is therefore recommended that the petition be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to examine and report, and in case the facts are found to be correct as stated in the petition, to prepare the necessary papers to confirm the said grants as in the aforesaid cases.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, report accepted and recommendations adopted.

17. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Maria S. Connolly for water grant on the Hudson river, between Two Hundred and seventh and Two Hundred and Ninth streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
February 27, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the application of Maria S. Connolly for grant of land under water on

Hudson river in front of the upland owned by her, between Two Hundred and Seventh and Two Hundred and Ninth streets, respectfully

Report that they have examined the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price of said land under water fixed at five dollars (\$5) per front foot, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, report accepted, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Maria S. Connolly for land under water on the Hudson river in front of upland owned by her, between Two Hundred and Seventh and Two Hundred and Ninth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants, at five dollars (\$5) per foot front, running measure.

18. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of James B. Johnson for extension of water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
February 8, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of James B. Johnston for an extension of the water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets, respectfully

Report that they have examined the subject referred, and find that a water grant was issued at the aforesaid location to Philip Milledoler, dated October 21, 1808 (see Vol. E., City Grants, page 501), and that the present application is for an extension of that portion of said grant, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets, to the exterior line as now fixed by law.

There is a pier belonging to the Corporation at the foot of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street leased at an annual rent of two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225), lease to expire May 1, 1869.

We recommend that the application be granted, the price for the land under water for the said extension fixed at five dollars (\$5) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to James B. Johnston containing the usual covenants and conditions. The grantee to indemnify the Corporation from all

damages arising from obstructions to the use of the adjoining pier in consequence of filling in the premises included in said grant before the expiration of the lease of the aforesaid pier May 1, 1869.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, report accepted, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to James B. Johnston for land under water on the Harlem river in front of the upland owned by him, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets, extending to the exterior line as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants and conditions, at five dollars (\$5) per foot front running measure, the grantee to indemnify the Corporation from all damages arising from obstructions to the use of the adjoining pier in consequence of filling in the premises included in said grant before the expiration of the lease of said pier May 1, 1869.

19. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Mary R. Handley and others for grants of land formerly under water.

CITY OF NEW YORK,

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

February 10, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the petition of Mary R. Handley, Adeline Fisher and others for grant of land formerly under water and embraced within the limits of water grants issued to Samuel Boyd January 2, 1827, and William Hockman September 1, 1847, respectively.

Report that the case is similar to those of the General Theological Seminary of Clement C. Moore and Cornelius Ray, in which confirmatory grants were made to the parties in interest during the past year, with a release of the whole of the premises conveyed by the original water grant; that it would be inexpedient to make any release, dividing up the lots, with separate grants to each claimant, as requested by the petitioners, as that would involve the question of title, and the City is limited by law in the giving of a grant of land under water to the adjacent owners fronting upon the river.

The petition, therefore, in its present form cannot be granted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

On motion, report accepted and adopted.

20. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Nesbit & Irwin for water grant on the East river, between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets.

On motion, laid over for consideration.

21. Report of the Comptroller on the bills of J. E. Howard and S. V. Moody, for compiling returns of Croton water rents of 1866.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
February 1, 1868. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred the bills of J. E. Howard and S. V. Moody, for compiling "Returns of unpaid Croton water rents of 1866," respectfully

Reports that he has examined the subject referred, and ascertained that the work was done outside of office hours, that the bills are certified to be correct by the Registrar of the Croton Aqueduct Department, and that it has been customary to pay for similar services, and charge the amount paid to the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt, as the receipts from such arrears of rents are deposited to the credit of that fund.

The Comptroller, in consideration of the facts as stated above, recommends that the said bills be paid and charged to "Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on the "City Debt."

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, report accepted and recommendation adopted.

22. Report of the Comptroller on the petition of H. McCaddin, Jr., for compensation for services as appraiser, etc., under the administration of M. T. Brennan, late Comptroller.

On motion, laid over for consideration.

23. The Mayor submitted Ex. Doc. No. 25, U. S. Senate (Fortieth Congress, Second Session) containing letter of the Secretary of the Treasury (H. McCulloch) "in relation to the amount of rent paid for public stores in the City of New York. "and in relation to other locations for Customs warehouses in said City."

Which, on motion, was referred to the Chamberlain, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report (see document on file).

24. The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the securities by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on account of the Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, including the bonds and mortgages, the net proceeds of which are pledged to the said fund, and report.

On motion, the resolution was adopted, and the Mayor, the Recorder and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen were appointed committee.

Bills.

The following bills were presented, and, on motion, ordered paid:

Bill of John C. Fraser, Joseph T. Martin and Wesley Smith, respectively for services examining docks, piers and slips, from October 25, 1867, to January 21, 1868, inclusive, two months and twenty-eight days, at \$300 per month each, \$880.

Bill of James J. Ashley, for rent of office for Examiners of Docks, Piers and Slips, for eight months, at \$40 per month, \$320.

Bill of W. C. Rogers & Co., for stationery for Examiners of Docks, Piers and Slips, \$237.75.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee,
Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 23, 1868.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 23, 1868.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The following applications were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Application of Margaret H. Schieffelin for water grant on North river, at Ninety-second street.

Referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

2. Application of Leander Buck and David McMasters for water grant on North river, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets.

Referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

The report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Nesbit & Irwin for water grant on the East river, between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up for action, when, on motion, the consideration of the report was deferred until the next meeting, in order to give a hearing to the parties.

The report of the Comptroller on the petition of Henry McCaddin, Jr., for payment for services appraising real estate, etc., in 1863, 1864, 1865 and 1866, laid over at last meeting, was taken up for consideration, and, on motion, the report was accepted and recommendation adopted, as follows, viz.:

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the claim of Henry McCaddin, Jr., for services rendered in appraising real estate of the Corporation during the years 1863, 1864, 1865 and 1866, respectfully

Reports that Mr. McCaddin was employed by the late Comptroller to report the minimum prices of the lands which were sold under the direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on May 21, 1866, and in arranging the terms of settlement of the disputed claim of Brevoort & Odell relative to lands lying between Third and Lexington avenues, Fifty-third and Fifty-seventh streets; that he acted as appraiser on the part of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty in the establishment of rent, and to fix the valuation of buildings in various cases in which leases to and from the City have expired and new terms were required to be granted by the covenants of the old leases, whilst in addition thereto he has purchased for the City's use sundry lots of land for sites of station and engine houses.

That the duties in each case have been performed by Mr. McCaddin in a satisfactory manner, and the sales at public auction have invariably justified the conditions as established by him.

In view of the amount of work which has been done, and its attendant responsibilities, the Comptroller would recommend that Mr. McCaddin be fully remunerated, and would suggest the sum of three thousand dollars as a proper compensation for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the counsel employed on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund before the Legislature be requested to oppose the proposed measure of the Board of Education to divest the Commissioners of the control of the property in possession of the Board of Education, or any other measure affecting unfavorably the interests of the Sinking Fund, and that one thousand dollars be appropriated for the same is hereby appropriated for legal expenses.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee,
Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 30, 1868.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 30, 1868.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The following applications for water grants were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

1. Application of John Payne for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by him on the Hudson river, between Sixtieth and Sixty-third streets. .
2. Application of F. W. Coggill for grant of land under water on the North river in front of upland owned by him, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets.

The following resolution in relation to sale of ferry leases at auction was submitted, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to sell at public auction for the term of ten years the leases of the James Street Ferry to Hunter's Point, L. I., and of the ferry from foot of Jackson street to Brooklyn, as now established, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of 1857.

The report on the application of Nesbit & Irwin for water grant on the East river, between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets, laid over at the last meeting, was, on motion of the Recorder, laid over until the next meeting; any statements by the parties in relation to the subject to be made in writing.

The Mayor reported in the matter of proposed purchase of Ward's Island lots of McCotter and others:

That in view of the price asked and uncertainty as to title, and that proceedings in partition have been commenced to determine title, it is inexpedient to have any negotiations at present.

Report adopted.

The report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Terence Farley for water grant on the East river, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner for reconsideration August 30, 1867, was, on the recommendation of the Comptroller, amended so as to read five dollars instead of one dollar per foot, as the consideration to be fixed for said grant, and, as amended, was, on motion, accepted and the resolution accompanying the same adopted as follows, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, August 22, 1868. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Terence Farley for grant of land under water on the East river, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, respectfully

Report, that they have considered the subject referred and find that there is a pier owned by the Corporation at the foot of Twenty-fifth street, leased to D. P. Wandell for \$500 per annum, lease to expire May 1, 1869; also a pier at the foot of Twenty-sixth street, at present used by the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, for which no rent is received.

They also find that the entire block between the aforesaid streets was sold at auction, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in April last, to the said applicant with "all the right, title and interest of the Corporation in the premises, as shown on the Map of Sale, and connected therewith."

In view of this fact, the consideration for said water grant applied for by Mr. Farley should, in our opinion, be merely nominal.

We therefore recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at five dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants and conditions, the grantee to be required to indemnify the City from all damages arising from obstructions to the use of the adjoining pier in consequence of filling in the premises included in the said grant, before the expiration of the present lease of said pier, May 1, 1869.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Terence Farley, or order, for land under water in front of the upland owned by him, on the East river, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions; and that the consideration for said grant be fixed at five dollars per foot front, running measure, the grantee to be required to indemnify the City from all damages arising from obstructions to the use of the adjoining pier in consequence of filling in the premises included in said grant before the expiration of the present lease of the said pier, May 1, 1869.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 25, 1868.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 25, 1868.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The following applications for water grants were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

1. Application of Edward De Witt, trustee, for water grant on the Hudson river, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-ninth streets.

2. Application of Jacques & Mooney for water grant on the North river, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets.

3. Application of Mrs. E. A. Sayre, Mary I. Hall and Jane Warner for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets.

4. Application of William A. Wheelock for water grant on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Fifty-seventh and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets.

5. Application of Julia B. Hinckman for water grant on the North river, between Two Hundred and Fourth and Two Hundred and Sixth streets.

The following applications and communications were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

6. Application of Board of Education for permission for said Board and the School Trustees of the Sixth Ward to erect a school-house on the triangular plot of ground bounded by Park, Worth and Baxter streets.

On motion, the application was denied for want of power to grant the same.

7. Communication from J. & N. Briggs in relation to lease of west side of Pier No. 12, East river.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

8. Communication from Morris and Essex Railroad Company asking permission to repair and extend Pier No. 48, North river, leased to said company by the Corporation.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do consent that the lessees of Pier No. 48, North river, may widen the said pier ten feet on each side, and extend the same to the pier line, at their own expense, the same to be done under the supervision of the Street Commissioner, and the extension and improvements to belong to the City at the expiration of the lease.

9. Application of Eastern Dispensary for rooms in Essex Market.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

10. Application of H. P. McGowan, Secretary of the Harlem Gas Light Company, to be heard in relation to the price fixed for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets.

On motion, the application was granted.

11. Petition of George MacKenzie for allowance for repairs to Pier No. 50, North river (laid over for consideration July 9, 1867).

On motion, the petition was denied.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the subject of collecting the amounts due for rent of wharves, piers and slips, or recovering possession of the same, be referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, with authority to employ counsel to act in conjunction with the Counsel to the Corporation, to enforce, at once, the rights of the Commissioners in the premises.

12. Application of William A. Wheeler for reduction of rent on certain piers and bulkheads.

On motion, referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller.

13. The Chamberlain reported on the bill of Bagley & Wiley, for surveys and maps of real estate sold at auction October 21, 1867 (referred to the Comptroller

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and the Chamberlain November 20, 1867), recommending that the same be allocated and paid at \$1,500, which, on motion, was adopted.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee.

Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 30, 1868.

meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 30, 1868.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The Comptroller submitted a statement of "Arrears of Rents, May 1, 1868, of Rents and Slips," amounting to the sum of \$226,288.67, which was referred to the Recorder and the Comptroller, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting.

The Comptroller reported that the Mayor and the Comptroller had employed Charles H. Van Brunt, Esq., as counsel in the matter of "Arrears of Rent," as recommended by resolution adopted at the last meeting, which, on motion, was approved.

On motion, the Comptroller was authorized to pay Charles H. Van Brunt, Esq., a retainer fee, as counsel, as above stated, not exceeding one thousand dollars.

A communication was received from N. J. Waterbury, Esq., in relation to a petition rendered on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at Albany, during the recent session of the Legislature, which, on motion, was placed on file.

A memorial was received from Marshall O. Roberts in relation to renewing the lease of Pier No. 29, North river, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to be put into the matters connected therewith, and, after conference with the Recorder, to be reported to the Corporation, with reference to the terms of the lease, etc., to report at the next meeting.

A proposition was received from I. & N. Briggs to lease that portion of Pier No. 11, East river, including the bulkhead between Piers Nos. 11 and 12, belonging

to the Corporation, "for the balance of the year 1868 to May 1, 1869," which motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power to carry same into effect.

An application was received from Oliver Bryan for grant of land under water in the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1868.

A meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office September 25, 1868.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

A proposition of Roberts & Putman to sell to the Corporation the piers and wharves, with the water front, between Montgomery and Gouverneur streets, East of the river, as received, and, on motion, referred to the Chamberlain and the Comptroller to examine and report.

The application of D. Smith, President of the Norwich and New York Transportation Company, for lease of Pier No. 39, North river; also the application of John Martin, lessee of said pier, for a renewal of the lease of the same, were

considered. Mr. Smith, president of aforesaid company, was heard in relation to his application for lease of said pier, when, on motion, the further consideration of the subject was deferred to the next meeting in order to afford Mr. Martin an opportunity to be heard in relation to his application for a renewal of the lease of the said pier.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1868.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office September 26, 1868.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The consideration of the applications of D. Smith, President of Norwich and New York Transportation Company, and Earl S. Martin, in relation to the lease of Pier No. 39, North river, laid over at the last meeting, was resumed, and the parties were heard in relation to their respective applications, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the present lease of Pier No. 39, North river, to Earl S. Martin, to December 15, 1868, be extended to May 1, 1869, upon the same terms and conditions, upon the understanding between the said Martin and the Norwich and New York Transportation Company, made in the presence of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, that from and after December 15, 1868, to May 1, 1869, the said company are to have the use of all the premises covered by the lease to the said Martin, upon the same terms and conditions as stated in the agreement between the said company and Earl S. Martin, dated December 15, 1867.

Adjourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

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OCTOBER 22, 1868.
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meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office October 22, 1868.

Present—The Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

In the absence of the Mayor, the Chamberlain was appointed Chairman *pro tem*.

Following communication from the acting President of Mount Sinai Hospital received, viz.:

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Hon. JOHN K. HACKETT, Hon. B. SWEENEY, Esq., JOHN MOORE, Esq., PETER CULKIN, Esq., *Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York*:

SIR—On behalf of the Directors of the Mount Sinai Hospital, I respectfully call your attention to section 5, chapter 853 of the Laws of 1868, which requires you to lease, for the use of the institution, such lots north of Sixty-sixth Street adjoining to the Corporation, as may be necessary for the erection of a hospital.

Under the provisions of an act to extend Lexington avenue, and close Hamilton Street, passed by the Governor on the 20th of August, 1868, being chapter 884 of the Laws of that year, you are authorized and directed to sell or dispose of the property within the boundaries of the last-mentioned square, in such manner as is hereafter provided by law.

We respectfully solicit, therefore, that you will exercise the power conferred upon you by the Legislature, and lease to the Directors of the Mount Sinai Hospital, for a term of ninety-nine years, with covenants of renewal, twelve lots on the east or west side of Lexington avenue, upon such conditions and restrictions as you may deem it proper to impose. The Hospital is at present located on Twenty-eighth street, and is open to the reception of patients without reference to creed or denomination, and has received any assistance from the City of New York, and is wholly

inadequate, from its location, size and construction, for the accommodation of suffering poor seeking medical or surgical attendance.

In the event of receiving at your hands a lease of land, it is the intention of Directors to erect a spacious and commodious building, which, while providing the necessities of the afflicted, shall be constructed in a manner entirely unobtrusive to the interests of adjoining property-owners.

Accompanying this communication I forward a copy of the last annual report of the directors of the hospital, together with a survey of the land, and shall be pleased to appear before you at your earliest convenience, and afford any further information you may desire.

With great respect,

Yours very truly,

E. B. HART, Vice President and acting President
of the Mount Sinai Hospital.

NEW YORK. October 2, 1868.

After due consideration, on motion, the following resolution was adopted,

Resolved, That a lease be made to the Directors of the Mount Sinai Hospital for the period of ninety-nine years, as leases have heretofore been made to charitable institutions by the Corporation of the City of New York, at the rent of one dollar per annum, of the twelve lots on easterly side of Lexington avenue, between Sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, as shown on the map made by John A. Bagley, Surveyor, the lease to be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, under the direction of the Comptroller and the Recorder, and to be submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval. The lease to contain the usual covenants and to provide that the hospital shall be open to patients of all creeds and denominations, as is now the established rule of the society.

The Chamberlain submitted a communication from Nelson J. Waterbury, Esq., in relation to services on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of Albany, during the session of the Legislature of 1868, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of Nelson J. Waterbury, Esq., for \$1,000, in full for services on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of Albany, attending the Legislature of 1868.

The following resolution was submitted by the Comptroller, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Assessment Bonds No. 2 of the City of New York for the improvement of Seventh avenue, issued to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, amounting to the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), be canceled, and the Central Park Commission Improvement Bonds substituted therefor in favor of said Commissioners for a like amount.

following applications for water grants were received and referred to the
oller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

pplication of Thomas Smith for water grant on the Harlem river, between
ndred and Thirty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth streets.

pplication of O. B. Potter for water grant on the North river, between
eighth and Seventy-ninth streets.

pplication of Mary J. Hall and others for water grant on Harlem river, at
ndred and Thirtieth street.

pplication of Helen N. Butler for water grant on the North river, between
ndred and Fifteenth and One Hundred and Sixteenth streets.

urned.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.

PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 27, 1868.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office November 27, 1868.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

Application of James B. Johnson for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by him on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-fourth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets.

Application of Hugh Macfarlane for grant of land under water (Harlem river), between One Hundred and Thirty-third and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth streets.

Application of Courtland Palmer for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by him on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street.

The application of Russel Sturges to have slip between Piers No. 12 and 13, North river, dredged, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Street Commissioner.

The petition of night scavengers to have Pier No. 61, East river, repaired, was received, and, on motion, placed on file.

A communication was received from "The Metropolitan Board of Health," inclosing copy of resolution adopted August 25, 1868, in relation to furnishing a wharf for dumping night soil, on the west side of the City, which, on motion, was placed on file.

communication was received from "The Citizens' Association of New York" in relation to accommodations for the removal of night soil, which, on motion, was placed on file.

communication was received from "The Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction" in relation to purchasing land on Ward's Island, which, on motion, was placed on file; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund having no power to effect the proposed purchase.

communication was received from Amasa J. Parker in relation to purchasing ground, corner of Sixth avenue and Amos street, now leased to J. S. Worth for twenty-one years from May 1, 1852, which, on motion, was placed on file.

communication was received from the Colonel of the Seventh Regiment, State of New York, in relation to a new armory for said regiment, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller and the Chamberlain to examine and report.

Reports.

The Comptroller submitted the following reports, viz.:

Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Julia B. Hinckman for water grant on the Hudson river, between Two Hundred and Sixty-fourth and Two Hundred and Sixty streets, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
New York, October 30, 1868.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Julia B. Hinckman for grant of land under water on the Hudson river, in front of the upland owned by her, between Two Hundred and Sixty-fourth and Two Hundred and Sixty streets, respectfully

report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the grant be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at five dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the said Julia B. Hinckman extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by the laws containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith adopted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Julia B. Hinckman for land under water on the Hudson river, in

front of upland owned by her, between Two Hundred and Fourth and Two Hundred and Sixth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants and conditions, at five dollars (\$5) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

2. Report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of John Paine for water grant on the Hudson river, between Sixtieth and Sixty-third streets, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 25, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the application of John Paine for grant of land under water on the Hudson river, in front of upland owned by him, between Sixtieth and Sixty-third streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at forty dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant therefor be issued to said John Paine extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to John Paine for land under water on the Hudson river, in front of the upland owned by him, between Sixtieth and Sixty-third streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at forty dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The following statements of objections to the title of the Corporation to certain lots of the Fort Gansevoort property, sold at auction in October, 1867, with applications for return of moneys paid on account lots purchased, were received; and on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report the facts in the matter, together with the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, viz.: Bradish Johnson, Morris Littman, John Nichol, William Collins, John R. Graham and James C. Alfred C. Hoe.

Report on the application of Maria S. Connolly for grant of land under the Hudson river, between Two Hundred and Seventh and Two Hundred streets, adopted March 2, 1868, was, on motion, reconsidered, and referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner for further consideration.

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JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.

I. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 28, 1868.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office November 28, 1868.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The Recorder submitted a lease of twelve lots of ground on Lexington avenue between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, for ninety-nine years, to the Directors of Mount Sinai Hospital (as provided for by section 5 of chapter 853, Laws of 1868, and resolution of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted October 1868), which, on motion, was approved, the said lease to be executed under the supervision of the Recorder.

The Comptroller submitted the report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Edward De Witt, trustee, for water grant on the Hudson river, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-ninth streets, as follows, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, November 19, 1868.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the application of Edward De Witt, trustee, for grant of land under water on the Hudson river, in front of upland belonging to the estate of Sarah T. De Witt, deceased, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-ninth streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at one hundred dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued thereon to the said Edward De Witt, trustee, or order, extending to the exterior lots of the City as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants and conditions.

resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith
ed.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

motion, the report was accepted.

er due consideration the resolution submitted with the report was amended
as follows, viz.:

olved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant
issued to Edward De Witt, trustee, or order, for land under water on the
river, in front of the upland belonging to the estate of Sarah Talman,
d, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-ninth streets, extending to the exterior
the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants' and con-
at forty dollars per foot front, running measure.

motion, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

application of the Old Dominion Steamship Company (represented by
ell) to have Pier No. 37 widened, was received, when, on motion of the Chamber-
following resolution was adopted, viz.:

olved. That the subject of widening Pier No. 37, North river, be reierred
Comptroller to examine the facts and report to the Commissioners such
endations as he shall deem the facts to justify.

ourned.

JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENY, Chamberlain.

PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 17, 1868.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 17, 1868.

Present—The Mayor (Thomas Coman), the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen.

The report on the application of Joseph W. Duryea for grant of land under water on the North river, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, adopted January 21, 1868, was, on motion, reconsidered, and laid over for further consideration.

The application of Erie Railway Company for exclusive use of pier footway on Fortieth street, North river, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen to be submitted to the Common Council.

The application of the Old Dominion Steamship Company to have Pier No. 1 on North river, widened, which was referred to the Comptroller November 28, 1868, was, on motion of the Comptroller, referred to the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Councilmen to be submitted to the Common Council.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to adjust, compromise and settle outstanding disputed claims for wharf and pier rents.

Adjourned.

THOMAS COMAN, Acting Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 18, 1869.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office January 18, 1869.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

On motion of the Comptroller, the Mayor was appointed Chairman.

On motion, W. H. Dikeman was appointed Clerk; salary, one thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly.

The application of George D. Post for water grant on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, was received and referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That Nelson J. Waterbury, Esq., be employed as counsel on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in regard to such matters affecting the interests of the Sinking Fund as shall require professional attention at Albany during the session of the Legislature.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was submitted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller prepare and submit at the next meeting a list of the docks and slips and other property of the Corporation, the leases of which expire on or before the 1st day of May next, with such recommendations in relation thereto as in his judgment will be for the best interests of the City.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The following bills were submitted and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Bill of Lovell Purdy, Jr., for services in preparing maps and reports in relation to water grants for the years 1867 and 1868, \$500.

On motion, ordered paid.

Bill of Bagley & Wiley, for surveys, maps and plans of Washington and Washington Market property, \$500.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power, to pay such sum as examination he may deem just and proper.

Bill of Joseph F. Martin, for services examining and correcting proofs of maps and copy for report of Examiners of Wharves, Piers and Slips, twenty days, at \$20 per day, \$200.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

Bill of W. C. Rogers & Co., for stationery, drawing and retracing maps of North and East rivers, etc., for Examiners for Docks and Piers, \$1,449.50.

On motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report the facts in the case.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor,
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee,
Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 4, 1869.

a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office February 4, 1869.

present—The Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain, the Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

In the absence of the Mayor the Comptroller was appointed Chairman *pro tem*.

The following applications for water grants were received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

The application of Abram J. Dovale for grant of land under water on the North river, in front of the upland owned by him, between Two Hundred and Twenty-fourth and Two Hundred and Sixteenth streets.

The application of Catherine Dubois for grant of land under water on the North river, in front of the upland owned by her, between One Hundred and Eighty-fourth and One Hundred and Ninth streets.

The application of Nathaniel Terpeny for grant of land under water on the North river, in front of the upland owned by him, between One Hundred and Twenty-fourth and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets.

The application of W. A. Hadden for grant of land under water on the North river, in front of the upland owned by him, between One Hundred and Twenty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets.

The Chamberlain stated that a grant of the land under water on the North river, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, was authorized to be issued to Peter

A. and Frances Hegeman May 27, 1852; that the Counsel to the Corporation notified by the Comptroller March 31, 1855, to issue the same, but that the said has not been issued, Mr. Hegeman having died, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a grant of the land under water on the North river, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, as authorized to be issued to Peter A. Frances Hegeman May 27, 1852, be issued to the grantee of the Hegeman estate who is the present owner of the upland, on paying the amount originally fixed for the water right, with interest from the date of the order of the Comptroller authorizing the same (March 31, 1855).

The application of Russel Sturges for renewal of lease of Piers Nos. 12 and 13 on the North river, with bulkhead between, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

It was stated that the labor of the Bookkeeper of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund had greatly increased since his salary was fixed (October 15, 1868) in consequence of the large increase of the Sinking Funds, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the salary of the Bookkeeper of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and the same is hereby fixed at fifteen hundred dollars per annum from the 1st day of January, 1869, payable monthly.

The application of "Exempt Firemen's Association" for "suitable room and hall" for their use, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The following statements of investments of the Sinking Fund, December 31, 1868, was submitted by the Comptroller, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
December 31, 1868.

Statement of investments on account of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt:

Bonds and stocks of the City of New York.....	\$12,147,100
Bonds and stocks of the County of New York.....	3,966,300
Total amount of bonds and stocks.....	\$16,113,400
Cash balance in Treasury.....	108,300
Investments and cash on hand.....	<u>\$16,221,700</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WM. SEEBACH, Bookkeeper to Commissioners
of the Sinking Fund.

motion, it was

olved. That the Mayor, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen be appointed a committee to examine the assets of the Sinking Fund held by the Comptroller December 31, 1868.

The following report of the Comptroller and the Chamberlain on the proposition of Roberts & Putnam to sell to the Corporation the piers and bulkheads, with their front, between Montgomery and Gouverneur streets, East river, was made, viz.:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the proposition of Messrs. Roberts and Putnam to sell certain piers and bulkheads to the City, with instructions to examine the same, find the following facts:

The property offered for sale comprises the bulkheads on South street, extending from Gouverneur street to Montgomery street, being 211 feet 8 inches in length; the bulkhead on Montgomery street, extending from Front street to the west side of South street, including the bulkhead at the foot of Montgomery street, being about 200 feet in length on Montgomery street, together with the pier at the foot of Montgomery street, 40 feet wide and 220 feet long, and the other one-half of the pier at the foot of Gouverneur street, the other one-half of which is now owned by the City, being in all 40 feet wide and 210 feet long.

The property is offered to be sold by the present owner at such valuation as the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may, in their judgment, set upon it.

The piers and bulkheads in question will, when put into thorough repair, be the most valuable on the East river, both on account of location and size.

There are many reasons which render it desirable that it should be owned by the City, prominent among which is the fact that it includes and comprises the bend in South street, at Montgomery street, which would of necessity have to be secured for public use whenever the contemplated straightening of South street shall take place and which would be very likely at such a time to cost more than the price that could now be accepted by the owners for the whole property.

The purchase would require but a small outlay at the present time, \$50,000 of the City money being on bond and mortgage, payable at the easy rate of \$1,000 a

year. The price at which the property could now be purchased by the City would be less than was paid for it by its present owners, in gold, in 1860, when real estate was depressed in the market.

It is unquestionable that the City should own all the dock property or dispose of it. The great prospective value of such property and the vast importance to

the commerce of the City that it should be held in the hands of the Corporation inclines our most intelligent and enterprising citizens to the belief that the Corporation should become the owner, and should, by a broad and liberal policy, make our City worthy of their character and the increasing commerce of the great metropolis.

The undersigned, in view of these facts, are decidedly of opinion that it would be a wise and desirable investment to purchase the property now offered for sale. Messrs. Roberts and Putnam provided the legal power to do so rests with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

On motion, the report was accepted and referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, for his legal opinion as to the power of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to act in the premises.

Bill of William J. Malone, for services as copyist in engrossing minutes of proceedings, preparing notices, etc., for the years 1867 and 1868, at \$250 per annum was presented, and, on motion, ordered paid.

Adjourned.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee
Board of Aldermen.
PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Councilmen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 27, 1869.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office February 27, 1869.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The following applications for water grants were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

Application of Charles G. Cornell for grant of land under water on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.

Application of Theodore F. Tone for grant of land under water between One Hundred and Thirtieth and One Hundred and Thirty-first streets, North river.

Application of Isaac Hartman and John Martin, Jr., for grant of land under water on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-first and One Hundred and Twenty-second streets.

Application of Herman Koehler for grant of land under water between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, East river.

Application of N. A. Lespinasse for grant of land under water on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Sixty-fourth and One Hundred and Sixty-fifth streets.

The following applications were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Application of Henry Smith for possession of 69 feet 7 inches of bulkhead property south of Watts street, which, on motion, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to whether the applicant has any legal claim for relief on the facts set forth in his communication.

Application of Pacific Mail Steamship Company for renewal of lease of Pier No. 43, North river, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Application of the New Haven Steamboat Company for renewal of lease of Pier No. 25, East river, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Application of Robert A. B. Dayton for assignment of mortgage of Pier No. 10, West river, which, on motion, was referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, to examine and report.

Application of P. Curtis Ackerman for the discontinuance of suit for foreclosure of mortgage on premises No. 249 William street, which, on motion, was referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller to examine the facts and ascertain if it is a proper case to stay proceedings, and if so, with power to authorize the stay.

Application of widow of John McAuliffe, per E. Ellery Anderson, for renewal of lease of cellars Nos. 7, 8 and 9 Fulton Market, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Application of E. S. Martin for renewal of lease of Pier No. 39, North river, which, on motion, was laid on the table until the next meeting, Mr. Martin and Mr. Smith, President of Norwich and New York Transportation Company (D. Smith) to be notified to attend.

The following communications were received from the Counsel to the Corporation in reply to a communication from the Comptroller, of 19th of December, 1867, in relation to title to Fort Gansevoort property sold at auction in 1867, viz.:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
February 20, 1869.

Hon. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th December last, in relation to the title to the property sold by the City in October, 1867, bounded by West and Gansevoort streets, West Twelfth street and Tenth and Thirtieth avenues, and the objections of the purchasers at that time to the title which were inclosed therewith.

In reply thereto I beg to state that I have examined the title of the City to the property, and the objections made by such purchasers, and am of opinion that the City can convey to them a good and sufficient title to the property referred to according to the terms of the sale.

Yours respectfully,

RICHARD O'GORMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

LAW DEPARTMENT.
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
February 25, 1869.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, *Comptroller*:

SIR—I wrote to you on the 20th instant expressing my opinion that the good title to the land bounded by West, Gansevoort and West Twelfth streets and Thirteenth avenues.

In conclusion I arrived at from a careful examination of the various questions raised by the learned counsel who represented the contestants, and I am confident that the court would sustain my views of the matter should it come to be decided.

There is, however, a question in the case which is susceptible of argument, and worthy of consideration whether it would not be wise for the City to obtain assistance of the Legislature and thereby forever set at rest all such objections, apply not only to the land now in question, but may be raised as to other land belonging to the City similarly situated.

The right of pre-emption vested in riparian owners, which the contestants in this case set up as the ground of their objections, depends altogether on the will of the Legislature heretofore expressed, and can, I think, be modified by the present Legislature in such way as to work no injustice to any citizen.

The land in question has been made by the City at its own expense, and the owners (assuming for the present that parties other than the City have a claim to be so regarded) are clearly not entitled in justice and equity to use such land without refunding the money so expended.

I leave to throw out these suggestions for the consideration of yourself and the other Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The contestants will probably require the judgment of a competent Court on the matter raised by them before they take title, and if any such action as I have mentioned be thought advisable it would be well to take it before the commencement of litigation on the subject.

Yours truly,

RICHARD O'GORMAN, Counsel to the Corporation.

On motion, it was ordered that the said communications be entered on the minutes; the applications for return of moneys on sales of Fort Gansevoort property be granted; that application be made to the Legislature for relief suggested in the communication of the Counsel to the Corporation, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a suitable memorial and report on the purpose designated in his second communication, to be presented to the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Reports.

The following reports were submitted, viz.:

Report on the application of Maria S. Connolly for water grant on Hudson between Two Hundred and Seventh and Two Hundred and Ninth streets.

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CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
February 23, 1869. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred for reconsideration the application of Maria S. Connolly for grant of land under water on the Hudson river, in front of the upland owned by her, between Two Hundred and Seventh and Two Hundred and Ninth streets, respectfully

Report that they have reconsidered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at one dollar (\$1) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor containing the usual covenants.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Maria S. Connolly for land under water on the Hudson river, in front of upland owned by her, between Two Hundred and Seventh and Two Hundred and Ninth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants, at one dollar per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Report on the application of Cortlandt Palmer for water grant on Harlem river at One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street.

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
February 23, 1869. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the application of Cortlandt Palmer for a water grant on the Harlem river at One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred and find that the application includes the extension to the present exterior line of the grant issued to Benjamin S. Judah October 21, 1808, and a grant of the land under water in front of one-half of the "Old Church road," adjoining the said grant, to Benjamin S. Judah.

Mr. Palmer is now the owner in fee of the aforesaid grant, and as the "Church road" referred to on being closed reverts to the owners of the adjoining land, Mr. Palmer, being one of said owners, is entitled to the grant of the land under water in front of the one-half (19 feet) of said road.

therefore recommend that his application be granted, the consideration for proposed extension of the water grant to the present exterior line be fixed at ten dollars (\$5) per foot front, running measure, and for the grant of the land under water in front of the one-half of the "Old Church road" at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant or grants be issued therefor to Cortlandt Palmer, upon his furnishing evidence that he is legally entitled to the same, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

Resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith adopted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued extending the grant at One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, Harlem, to Benjamin S. Judah October 21, 1868, to the present exterior line, at ten dollars (\$5) per foot front, running measure, and a grant of the land under water in front of the one-half (nineteen feet) of the "Old Church road," adjoining the said grant, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure, to Cortlandt Palmer, upon his furnishing evidence to the satisfaction of the Counsel to the Corporation that he is legally entitled to the same, and that such Counsel report his opinion to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Report on the bill of Messrs. Bagley and Wiley:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
February 25, 1869.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the annexed bill of Messrs. Bagley and Wiley, for surveys, maps and plans of Washington and West Washington Market property, respectfully

reports that he has obtained the following statement in relation to the services rendered and labor performed:

The space covered by the survey extends from Dey to Vesey street, and from Washington street to the river, including three piers, the most northerly of which was owned, in part, by private parties, and from the numerous changes in its form and location since its first erection, it became a matter of much study and consultation to make an equitable division of the same. Much of the work in the field was of

necessity performed on the Sabbath (five Sabbaths in all were thus occupied) the utter impossibility of using instruments in such a crowded locality on weekdays, and the surveyors were also compelled to retain the services of an officer to keep the crowd in that vicinity from interfering with their instruments.

The survey from which the deed of the West Washington Market property was made out (Edwin Smith, Surveyor) was so defective as to be unreliable and made a complete resurvey of the whole work a necessity; and in addition to this, Bagley visited Albany, spending some time there in searching the public records and maps in the State Engineer's office in order to obtain necessary information for the case. The total area embraced in both market properties is ninety-one (91) acres.

The parties in interest state that the bill is very moderate, being less in amount than they should have charged private parties for the same amount of work.

In view of the foregoing statement, I consider the bill referred as fair and reasonable, and recommend that the same be paid.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and bill ordered paid.

Nelson J. Waterbury, Esq., having been employed (see resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, January 18, 1869) as counsel, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in regard to such matters affecting the interests of the Sinking Fund as shall require professional attention at Albany, it is ordered, on motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to pay Nelson J. Waterbury such sum or sums, not exceeding in the whole two thousand dollars, as he may deem proper for services at Albany as attorney for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund during the present session of the Legislature, to be charged to the Fund for Redemption of the City Debt.

The bill of John Mullaly, for services as messenger to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for 1867 and 1868, at \$250 per annum was presented, and, on motion, ordered paid.

Adjourned.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor,

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee,
Board of Aldermen.

PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee,
of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 15, 1869.

a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 15, 1869.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Applications.

The following applications were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Application of Gilead B. Nash for grant of land under water on creek running through Harlem river, at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street.

Referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

Application of Charles J. Sparks for extension of lease of Piers Nos. 20 and 21, North river.

Referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Application of C. A. Vose & Co. for lease of pier foot of Franklin street, North river.

Referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Application of E. S. Martin for renewal of lease of Pier No. 39, North river, laid before the Board at the last meeting, was taken up for consideration, when Mr. Martin appeared in the matter. A communication was received from the agent of the Harlem and New York Transportation Company stating that in consequence of the illness of the President of the Company from the City the President could not attend.

The application was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Application of Harlem Gas Light Company for reconsideration of resolution passed at a meeting held on October 15, 1866, fixing the price of water grant on Harlem river, between Third and Tenth and One Hundred and Eleventh street.

Application granted, and the subject referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner for reconsideration.

Application of Morris Prince and Joseph Bachrach for portion of Croton water grant on premises No. 318 East Forty-eighth street, paid November 16, 1868 (see accompanying documents).

On motion, application denied for the reasons set forth in the communication of the Croton Aqueduct Board (see accompanying documents).

The following communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation with his opinion, as to the power of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to purchase certain wharf property of Messrs. Roberts and Putman, viz.:

LAW DEPARTMENT—OFFICE OF COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
March 2, 1869.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your resolution requiring my opinion as to the power of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to purchase certain wharf property from Messrs. Roberts and Putman.

In answer to said resolution I beg leave to say that I am unable to find that authority to purchase real estate has been conferred on you by the statutes and ordinances defining the powers of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Very respectfully,

RICHARD O'GORMAN, Counsel to the Corporation

On motion, accepted and filed.

Hugh Macfarlane, Jr. (John Hardy, Esq., attorney), requested permission to withdraw his application for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-third and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth streets, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner November 27, 1868.

On motion, permission was granted, and application withdrawn.

The following report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of John L. Brown for water grant on the East river, between Ninth and Ninety-first street, was received, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
March 2, 1869.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the application of John L. Brown for grant of land under water on

East river, in front of the upland owned by him, between Ninetieth and Ninety-first streets respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and on examination find that a bulkhead has already been built on a portion of the premises applied for, which is now used for commercial purposes. The adjoining property is improved and a ferry is now running from Astoria to the foot of Ninety-second street.

These facts are taken into consideration in recommending the consideration to be fixed for the grant applied for.

It is recommended that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at twenty-five dollars (\$25) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to John L. Brown for land under water in front of upland owned by him on the East river, between Ninetieth and Ninety-first streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at twenty-five dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor,

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 14, 1869.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 14, 1869.

Present—All the Commissioners.

Reports.

The following reports of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on applications for water grants were presented:

1. Report on the application of F. W. Coggill for water grant on Hudson between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
May 13, 1869.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the application of F. W. Coggill for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by him on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to F. W. Coggill extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by the City Charter, containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to F. W. Coggill for grant under water on the Hudson river, in front of upland owned by him, between One Hundred and Forty-sixth and One Hundred and Forty-seventh streets.

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ty-seventh streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars (\$10) per front, running measure.

motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

report on the application of William A. Wheelock for water grant on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Fifty-seventh and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
May 13, 1869.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of William A. Wheelock for grant of land under water on the Hudson river, in front of upland owned by him, between One Hundred and Fifty-seventh and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets, respectfully

report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the grant be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the said William A. Wheelock, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

Resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith adopted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to William A. Wheelock for land under water on the Hudson river, in front of upland owned by him, between One Hundred and Fifty-seventh and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars (\$10) per front, running measure.

motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

report on the application of Margaret H. Schieffelin for water grant on Hudson river, between Ninety-first and Ninety-third streets.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
May 15, 1869.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Margaret H. Schieffelin for grant of land under water in

front of upland owned by her, on the Hudson river, between, Ninety-first and Ninety-third streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that application be granted, the consideration for the said land under water fixed at forty dollars (\$40) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the said Margaret H. Schieffelin extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Margaret H. Schieffelin for land under water on the Hudson river in front of the upland owned by her, between Ninety-first and Ninety-third streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at forty dollars (\$40) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Applications.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

1. Application of William Dunning for water grant on Hudson river, between One Hundred and Thirtieth and One Hundred and Thirty-first streets.
2. Application of Jacob Voorhis, Jr., for water grant on the East river, between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets.
3. Application of Stephen Roberts and others for water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Fourteenth street.
4. Application of R. C. Combes for water grant on Hudson river, between One Hundred and Fifty-eighth and One Hundred and Sixty-first streets.
5. Application of Charles E. Appleby for water grant on North river, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-eighth streets.
6. Application of Charles F. Heywood and others for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Ninety-fourth and One Hundred and Ninety-sixth streets.
7. Application of Mordamet Bodine for water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Twenty-third street.

8. Application of Peter B. Amory for water grant on Hudson river, between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-seventh streets (see vol. 4, page 156, December 27, 1865).

9. Application of executors of Isaac Dyckman for water grant on Harlem river and Sherman's creek, between One Hundred and Ninety-sixth and Two Hundred and Eleventh streets.

10. Application of John W. Miller for water grant on Harlem river, northerly side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.

11. Application of Agnes Auld for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth streets.

Applications Other Than Water Grants.

The application of Hugh McFarlane, Jr., for quit-claim of land below the original high-water line on Fourth avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-third and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth streets (Harlem river), was received, and, on motion, referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion as to the rights of Hugh McFarlane, Jr., under his deed from Charles Henry Hall, and the powers of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in reference to the issuing of a water grant or a release of the premises claimed by said McFarlane.

The application of H. F. Smith, President of the Norwich and New York Transportation Company, to withdraw the application of said company for lease of Pier No. 39, North river, was received and placed on file.

The application of N. W. Swayne for renewal of lease of cellars Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Fulton Market, and the application of Henry Murray for lease of basement No. 4 Fulton Market were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The application of the Empire Transportation Company for lease of Pier No. 38, North river, also the statement of Knickerbocker Ice Company in relation to lease of said pier, were received, and, on motion, referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, with power to lease said pier as in their judgment will be for the best interests of the City, the Recorder dissenting.

The application of F. A. Southmayd for lease of Pier No. 35, North river (foot of Franklin street) was received, and, on motion, referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, with power to lease said pier as in their judgment may be for the best interests of the City.

The application of Mary Tone for reduction of the consideration fixed March 2, 1868, for water grant at Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-second streets, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner to examine and report.

Miscellaneous.

A communication was received from A. H. Mullet, supervising architect, in relation to change of site of Post-Office, when, on motion, the Mayor and the Comptroller were appointed a committee to confer with the United States Commissioner on location of Post-Office, in relation to the proposed change of site.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution in relation to premises of "The Fulton Market Fish Mongers' Association," which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the Legislature entitled "Act to incorporate the 'Fulton Market Fish Mongers' Association of the City of New York,'" passed April 22, 1869, and the authority otherwise vested by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, a lease is hereby authorized on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the said "Fulton Market Fish Mongers' Association of the said City of New York" to use the present fish market premises over the slip next northeasterly of Fulton Slip, on the East river, contiguous to South street, and one-half of the piers adjoining the same on either side for one-half the length of such piers from the bulkhead, and at the head of the said slip, for the period of ten years, conditioned that the said association shall construct a new building on said premises for the purposes of the business of the association, more fully adapted to the public wants and protecting the public health (and that no other business shall be carried on on said premises) at an annual rent as shall be fixed by the Mayor and the Comptroller, on behalf of the City, and the Hon. Henry C. Murphy, representing such corporation, or a majority of them, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby directed to prepare a proper lease, with the usual covenants in regard to buildings and premises, and wise in pursuance hereof, for the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The copy of an act to authorize the construction of a railroad through Twenty-third street, adopted by the Legislature May 10, 1869, requiring the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to advertise and sell at public auction the franchise to construct and operate said railroad was presented, when the following advertisement was submitted, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Public Notice is hereby given by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York that pursuant to the provisions of the act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a railroad through Twenty-third street in the City of New York," passed May 10, 1869, they will sell at public auction, in the "Governor's Room" of the City Hall Park, in said City, on Wednesday, June 2, 1869, at 12 M., to the highest bidder for the same, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, operate and use a railroad with a double track, and the nec-

turnout and switches for the proper working of the same through, along and upon Twenty-third street, in the City of New York, from the North river to the East river, on the following terms and conditions:

First—The person or persons or corporation whose bid shall be accepted on such sale shall, within four months from the day of the sale, furnish and complete said road, and equip the same with the requisite number of cars and horses, but should he or they be restrained or prevented by any legal proceedings which are not collusive from constructing and completing the same, the time during which they are so restrained shall not be deemed or taken to be part of the time within which the same is to be completed. The said party or parties shall execute a bond in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars in two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the said Commissioners, conditioned for the completion and equipment of the said railroad, as above provided, subject to the conditions, and with the authority as follows:

Second—Said railroad shall be constructed on the most approved plan for the construction of city railroads, and with the rail now used upon the street railroads in Philadelphia, commonly called Philadelphia rail, and shall be run as often as the convenience of passengers may require, and shall be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations in respect thereto as the Common Council of the City of New York may from time to time by ordinance prescribe; and the said party or corporation will be authorized by law to charge the same rate of fare for the conveyance of passengers on said railroad as is now charged by other city railroads in said city.

Third—In the construction, operation or use of such railroad upon the route above designated, should such person or corporation deem it necessary or proper to run upon, intersect or use any portion of other railroad tracks now laid upon said street above named, he or they are authorized by the aforesaid act to run upon, intersect and use the same, and in case they cannot agree with the owner or owners thereof respecting the compensation or payment to be made therefor, then the amount of such compensation or payment shall be ascertained and determined in the manner provided by subdivision six of the twenty-eighth section of the act entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations, and to regulate the same," passed April 2, 1850. And should any real estate or interest therein be required for the purpose of constructing said railroad as above specified and authorized, for which the said person or corporation shall be unable to agree with the owner or owners for the use or purchase thereof, they may acquire the right to use or title to the same in the manner specified in the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first sections of the said act of April 2, 1850, except that in any of the proceedings for any of the purposes authorized by said act, it shall not be necessary that the petition to the Supreme Court shall make any allegations of or reference to any incorporation.

capital stock, surveys or maps or of the filing of any certificate of location. But in all cases the use of said street for the purposes of said railroad as authorized by said act, shall be considered a public use, consistent with the uses for which said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City hold said street. Nothing in the said act contained shall authorize or allow the existence of more than two tracks in any part of said street.

Fourth—The Legislature reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal the act giving the authority to construct and operate such railroad.

Fifth—On payment into the City Treasury of the amount of the said bid, and on the execution and approval of the said bond, and the execution of an agreement to perform the conditions and stipulations herein expressed, the said Commissioners will deliver to the party or parties entitled to the same as aforesaid a certificate of title or they are entitled to such grant.

Sixth—The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any bid as being made fraudulently or collusively.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.
 RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
 PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
 JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
 JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.
 PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.
 Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Dated New York, May 14, 1869.

The following newspapers were designated in which to publish the foregoing advertisement, viz.: "Herald," "Sun," "Times," "Tribune," "Evening Post," "Express" and "Commercial Advertiser."

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor,
 RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
 PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
 JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
 JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.
 PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 31, 1869.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 31, 1869.

Present—All the Commissioners.

Applications.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, viz.:

1. Application of J. P. Robinson and Franklin Woodruff for water grant on East river, between Warren and Baltic streets, Brooklyn.
2. Application of Francis H. Macy for water grant, Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets.

The Mayor called attention to the 8th section of chapter 875, Laws of the State of 1869, viz.:

"Sec. 8. The commissioners of the sinking fund are hereby empowered in such manner as they shall deem best for the interest of the city, from time to time, to lease city property, but not for a term longer than the charter limitation of ten years, nor for a renewal for a longer term than ten years."

On motion, the said section 8 was referred to the Recorder for his opinion as to whether the aforesaid section applies to and covers leases of franchises of property.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That whenever the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall take action under section 8 of chapter 875, Laws of 1869, the leases authorized and directed by them shall be executed on their part by the President and Secretary of

the said Commissioners under the supervision of and to be countersigned by Comptroller.

The Recorder submitted a form of lease of docks and slips, which, on motion was adopted, as follows, viz.:

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of New York have, by various acts them passed, enacted that it shall be lawful for the owners of wharves in the City of New York to ask and receive to their own use certain rates of wharfage; have also directed the manner in which the same may or shall be collected; and

Whereas, The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York owners of several wharves, slips, piers or bulkheads in the City of New York, are entitled to collect and receive the wharfage and slippage thereof; and

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of New York, by section 8, chapter of the Laws of 1869, empowered the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York to lease City property in such manner as they shall deem proper for the interests of the City, for a term not longer than ten years, and the said, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, by resolution adopted at their meeting on _____ have agreed for the consideration and on the conditions herein mentioned, to sell and assign their right to the collection of wharfage at _____ unto _____ for the term of _____ from _____

Now, Therefore, This Indenture, made this _____ day of _____ in the year one thousand eight hundred and _____ between The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, on behalf of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York of the first part, and _____ of the second part.

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the rents, covenants and agreements hereinafter mentioned and contained, on the part and behalf of the said part _____ of the second part, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, to be paid, done, kept and performed, have granted, bargained, sold and assigned, unto the said part _____ of the second part, their heirs and assigns, all and singular _____ wharfage which shall or may arise, accrue or become due, between the first day of _____ of _____ and the first day of _____ for the use or occupation by vessels of more than five tons burthen, of _____

In addition to the consideration herein named, the part _____ of the second part agree to pay the said parties of the first part ten per cent. per annum during the said term, on the amount of all expenses incurred by them in extending the premises hereby leased.

And the said parties of the first part hereby authorize and empower the part _____ of the second part, so far as such authority can be conferred by the

parties of the first part, and subject to such ordinances of the parties of the first part as are now in force, or may hereafter be adopted by said parties of the first part, to ask, demand, sue for, levy, recover, and receive in the name, to the use, and at the expense of the said part of the second part, or assigns, such wharfage as may, during the continuance of these presents, arise, accrue, or become due, from the master or owner, factor or agent of any vessel of more than five tons burthen, which shall, during the continuance hereof, come to, lie at or use, the said herein before mentioned.

And it is hereby expressly understood and agreed, by and between the parties to these presents, that the said parties of the first part, or their successors, may at any time during the continuance of these presents, set apart for their use such herein before mentioned, or any portion, as they, the said parties of the first part may, during the time as mentioned, require; and may from time to time pass such ordinances regulating the use of the herein above named, as they may deem the public interests require, without any let, suit, trouble or hindrance from said part of the second part, legal representatives or assigns.

It shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the City of New York, or the person for the time being lawfully administering the office of Comptroller, to notify the said part of the second part, or assigns, in writing, when any part of the said premises is to be taken by the said parties of the first part, or their successors, and from the time of the service of such notice, the right to the part of the said premises so required by the said parties of the first part, or their successors, shall vest in them for all purposes. But in every such case, it shall be the right of the said part of the second part, or assigns, to have an equitable deduction for the future, made from the rate of rent in this lease reserved, to be ascertained and settled by the Comptroller of the City of New York, or the person for the time being lawfully administering the office of Comptroller; and the rent to be thereafter paid by the said part of the second part or assigns, shall be the balance remaining after the deductions so made as aforesaid.

And it is hereby expressly understood and agreed by and between the parties to these presents, that all wharfage is to be charged according to the laws of the State, and of the Common Council of the City of New York, as they may be passed from time to time, and by which laws the said part of the second part to be governed, and this lease and its conditions are to be subject; and that no wharfage is to be charged or demanded for Hell Gate or Sound Pilot Boats, nor for Boats belonging to the ships of war of the United States, or foreign nations, or to the United States Navy Yard or Garrisons, nor for street manure or coal-ash boats; and

further that no demand shall be made, nor any compensation received for the occupation of the top or surface of any of the public wharves or piers for any purpose whatever.

And the said part of the second part, executors, administrators or assigns, do further covenant and agree to and with the said parties of the first part, their successors and assigns, that if said part of the second part, executors, administrators, shall and do at any time during the said term, in any manner, directly or indirectly, grant, assign, transfer and set over, this Indenture, or part of the rights and privileges hereby demised, to any person or persons whatsoever, or encumber or charge the same, without the leave and consent of the parties of the first part, or their successors first had and obtained in writing, under their common seal, then and in that case this Indenture and everything hereby contained shall cease, determine, and be utterly null and void, anything to the contrary contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And, also, that the said part of the second part, executors, administrators and assigns, shall and will at all times during the said term, faithfully and diligently observe and conform to, perform and keep, all and singular the laws and ordinances which the said parties of the first part have made or passed, or shall hereafter make or pass, relative to the docks, wharves, piers or slips of the said City, and the lying of of vessels or small craft therein, so far as relates to the above premises. And, further, that the said parties of the first part reserve to themselves the right to build new piers and bulkheads, and to fill in behind the same, and to repair and cleanse such of the wharves, piers, docks and slips, and to designate such places as may be occupied by steamboats, ships and all other vessels, as they may think proper, without claim for deduction of rent or damage whatever on the part of the said part of the second part, or those claiming under or on such account. And it is hereby declared by the parties to these presents that no deduction shall be made from such rent for or on account of any repairs done on the premises hereby demised, sickness prevailing in said City, or any other occurrence whatever which may happen during the continuance of this agreement, except as hereinbefore stated. And, further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere in any respect with the lease made or to be made of the wharves of boats or vessels not exceeding five tons burthen, the wharfage of which is separately leased as the Small Boat District.

And the said part of the second part, for assigns, do covenant and agree, to and with the said parties of the first part, that if, during the term of this lease, any accident shall occur to person or property, they shall recover damages for which any action shall be brought against the Corporation.

and retain the wharfage, at the before mentioned premises, by the said part
the second part, executors, administrators and assigns

And the said part of the second part, for
heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby expressly covenant and agree
that in such case, it shall and may be lawful for the Comptroller of the City of
New York, or the person who may lawfully administer the office of Comptroller of the
said City, to cause a notice in writing, under his hand and seal, to be served on
said part of the second part, heirs or assigns,
declaring that the assignment hereinbefore made is utterly null and void; and
the service of such notice shall be conclusive evidence that the said part
second part, heirs, or assigns, have failed to
perform and keep, the covenants, clauses and agreements, herein contained,
fulfilled, performed and kept by the said part of the second part,
heirs or assigns, and that then and in such case the said parties of the first part
have again, repossess and enjoy the same, as in their former estate, in like manner
as if these presents had never been made, anything herein contained to the contrary
notwithstanding. And that in such case the said part of the second part, or
assigns, shall be liable to pay to the said parties of the first part,
successors or assigns, not only the amount of rent due under these presents,
at the time when such notice is given by the Comptroller or acting Comptroller, but
the difference or deficit that may hereafter exist between the amount payable at
at any future day, under these presents, and the amount of wharfage collected
the said parties of the first part, their successors or assigns, under the power hereby
reserved, after the notice last mentioned, for the premises herein first described,
the necessary expense of collecting such wharfage.

And the said part of the second part, for
heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, do covenant, promise and agree, together
with the said parties of the first part, their successors and assigns that
the said part of the second part, executors,
administrators and assigns, shall and will, during the term hereby demised, well and
truly pay or cause to be paid, unto the said parties of the first part, their successors
and assigns, the said yearly rent, hereinbefore mentioned, on the days and
limited for the payment thereof, without any manner of deduction, abatement or
delay whatsoever.

And also, that the said part of the second part,
executors, administrators and assigns, shall and will well and truly, on the last day
of the term hereby demised, or other sooner determination thereof, surrender and
yield up the said rights and privileges and the premises hereby demised, with a
singular the rights, members, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging

is and possession of the said parties of the first part, their successors or without fraud or delay.

Witness Whereof, to one part of these presents, remaining with the said of the first part, the said part of the second part ha set and seal and the other part thereof, remaining with the said part of the part, the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York used to be executed by the Mayor of the City of New York and attested by Secretary the day and year first above written.

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New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

this day of 18 , before me came Mayor of the City of New York, and , both to me personally known, who being by me duly did severally depose and say, that they reside in the City and County of New York, y are respectively Chairman and Secretary of the Commissioners of the Sink- d of the City of New York, and that they have affixed their hands and seals oregoing instrument as such Chairman and Secretary, by virtue of a resolu- he said Commissioners.

application of the Managers of the House of Refuge on Randall's Island for Pier foot of One Hundred and Seventeenth street, East river, was received, motion, referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, with power.

Mayor submitted the following report, viz.:

Mayor and the Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of the e Transportation Company" for lease of Pier No. 38, North river, with o lease said pier as in their judgment will be for the best interests of the spectfully

ort, That having received no specific offer for the lease of said pier but that Empire Transportation Company, they have leased the said Pier No. 38, iver, to the said "Empire Transportation Company" for the term of ten a yearly rent of \$18,000, without covenants of renewal.

On motion, the report was adopted, the Recorder voting in the negative call of the yeas and nays, and the Secretary instructed to have a lease prepared in accordance with the form submitted this day by the Recorder, and adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The following application of the Trustees of the "Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm" for lease of twelve lots on Lexington avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-eighth streets, was received, viz.:

NEW YORK, May 21, 1869.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—On behalf of the Trustees of the "Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm," we respectfully direct your attention to section 9, chapter 876 of the Laws of 1869, which authorizes you to lease for the use of this institution such lots belonging to said City as may be necessary for the erection of a home.

Under the provision of an act to extend Lexington avenue and close Hamilton square, signed by the Governor on the 20th of August, 1868, being chapter 876 of the Laws of that year, you are authorized and directed to sell or dispose of the property contained within the boundaries of the last-mentioned square in any manner as is now or may hereafter be provided by law.

We respectfully solicit, therefore, that you will exercise the power conferred upon you by the Legislature and lease to the Trustees of the "Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm," for the period of ninety-nine years, with covenants of renewal, twelve lots on the east or west side of Lexington avenue, anywhere from Sixty-sixth to Sixty-eighth street, upon such conditions and restrictions as you may deem it necessary to impose. This home is to be erected at once and is to be open to all without reference to place of birth, creed or denomination, and has received any aid from the City.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

Mrs. E. H. CHAPIN, President,
MARY WILLARD, Secretary.

On motion, the application was referred to the Comptroller and the Chairman to examine and report a suitable location within the prescribed limits; and to report as to the expediency of disposing at public auction of the lots within the boundaries of Hamilton square not already appropriated.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund attend the sale of the Twenty-third Street Railroad franchise in a body, in the Governor's Room, City Hall, Wednesday next, June 2, 1869, at 12 M., and that the Mayor conduct the sale on behalf of the Commissioners.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in the Governor's Room, City Hall, Wednesday next, at 11.45 A. M.

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following bill was received, viz.:

NEW YORK.

To EDWARD BOYLE, City Surveyor, *Dr.*

Professional services rendered March 31, 1869, in preparing maps of streets and parts of buildings on the extension of Church street, from Fulton to Morris street, sold at auction, sixty-eight parcels.....	<u>\$920 00</u>
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By motion, the aforesaid bill was ordered paid.

Returned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor,
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
HUGH SMITH, Deputy Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.
PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 2, 1869.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held pursuant to adjournment in the Governor's Room, City Hall, June 2, 1869, at ten minutes past twelve meridian.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The object of the meeting was to sell at public auction, in accordance with advertisement of the Commissioners dated May 14, 1869, the franchise for a railroad authorized to be constructed in Twenty-third street by chapter 823 of 1869.

At the hour designated for the sale, to wit, 12 M., the Mayor gave notice to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund would proceed to sell at public auction according to advertisement (see copy A.), the right, privilege and franchise to construct, operate and use a railroad through, along and upon Twenty-third street from the North to the East river, as provided for and authorized by the Act of the Legislature, chapter 823, passed May 10, 1869, and read the following terms and conditions upon which the sale was to be made, and the form of agreement and conditions to be executed on behalf of the person whose bid shall finally be accepted, viz.

Agreement made this second day of June, 1869, between the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said city, parties of the first part, and

party of the second part,

Witnesseth: Whereas, the Legislature of the State of New York empowered the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, by "An Act to authorize the construction of a railroad through Twenty-third street, in the City of New York," passed May 10, 1869, to sell at public auction, at the City

said City, the right to construct and operate a railroad in Twenty-third street, in the City of New York; and whereas, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund did advertise that they would sell at public auction in the "Governor's Room," of the City Hall, in said City, on Wednesday, June 2, 1869, at 12 M., to the highest bidder for the same, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, operate and use a railroad with a double track, and the necessary turnouts and switches for the proper working of the same, through, along and upon Twenty-third street, in the City of New York, from the North river to the East river, on the following terms and conditions:

First—The person or persons or corporation whose bid shall be accepted on such sale shall, within four months from the day of the sale, finish and complete said road and equip the same with the requisite number of cars and horses; but should he or they be restrained or prevented, by any legal proceedings which are not collusive, from constructing and completing the same, the time during which they are so restrained shall not be deemed or taken to be part of the time within which the same is to be completed. The said party or parties shall execute a bond in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, in two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the said Commissioners, conditioned for the completion and equipment of the said railroad as above provided, subject to the conditions, and with the authority as follows:

Second—Said railroad shall be constructed on the most approved plan for the construction of city railroads, and with the rail now used upon the street railroads in Philadelphia, commonly called Philadelphia rail, and shall be run as often as the convenience of passengers may require, and shall be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations in respect thereto as the Common Council of the City of New York may from time to time by ordinance prescribe; and the said party or corporation will be authorized by law to charge the same rate of fare for the conveyance of passengers on said railroad as is now charged by other city railroads in said city.

Third—In the construction, operation or use of such railroad upon the route above designated, should such person or corporation deem it necessary or proper to run upon, intersect, or use any portion of other railroad tracks now laid upon the said street above named, he or they are authorized by the aforesaid act to run upon, intersect, and use the same; and in case they cannot agree with the owner or owners thereof respecting the compensation or payment to be made therefor, then the amount of such compensation or payment shall be ascertained and determined in the manner provided by subdivision six of the twenty-eighth section of the act entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of Railroad Corporations, and to regulate the same," passed April second, eighteen hundred and fifty. And should any real estate or interest therein be required for the purpose of constructing said railroad, as above specified and authorized, for which the said person or

corporation shall be unable to agree with the owner or owners for the use or purchase thereof, they may acquire the right to use or title to the same in the manner specified in the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first sections of the said act of April second, eighteen hundred and fifty, except that in any of the proceedings for any of the purposes authorized by said act, it shall not be necessary that the petition to the Supreme Court make any allegation of or reference to any incorporation, capital stock, surveys, maps, or of the filing of any certificate of location. But in all cases the use of a street for the purposes of said railroad as authorized by said act, shall be considered a public use, consistent with the uses for which the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city hold said street. Nothing in the said act contained shall authorize or allow the existence of more than two tracks in any part of said

Fourth—The Legislature reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal the act giving the authority to construct and operate such railroad.

Fifth—On payment into the City Treasury of the amount of the said bond, on the execution and approval of the said bond, and the execution of an agreement to perform the conditions and stipulations herein expressed, the said Commissioners will deliver to the party or parties entitled to the same as aforesaid, a certificate that he or they are entitled to such grant.

Sixth—The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any bid as being fraudulent or collusively.

And whereas, at the sale had on June 2, 1869, at public auction, pursuant to said advertisement, in the Governor's Room, at the City Hall, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, operate and use a railroad, with a double track and the necessary turnouts and switches for the proper working of the same through and along Twenty-third street, in the City of New York, from the East river to the East river, were struck down to

the being the highest bidder for the same, for the sum of

Now, it is hereby mutually declared that the interest of the party of the second part, his successors and assigns in said franchise, and all rights, privileges and powers conferred or provided for hereby, shall be conditioned and dependent upon the strict observance, performance and fulfillment by him of the provisions contained in the act herein referred to, and of this agreement; and that, in case of failure to perform the same, or any part thereof, said grant shall be inoperative and his interest shall cease and determine. And it is hereby covenanted, agreed and declared by and between the parties aforesaid as follows, viz.:

First—That he, the said party of the second part, will, within four months, finish and complete said road throughout its entire length, along Twenty

in the City of New York, from the North river to the East river, and equip the same with the requisite number of cars and horses, provided, however, that if he should be restrained or prevented by any legal proceedings as to the same from constructing and completing the same, the time during which he is so restrained shall not be deemed or taken to be part of the time within which the same is to be completed.

And—That said road shall be constructed with a double track from the East river to the North river, and that no other rail tracks shall be used, or in any way occupied by the said party hereto of the second part, or his agents, except such as he is authorized by the law under which this sale is made to lay down, construct or take up.

Witness Whereof, to one part of these presents remaining with the said party hereto of the first part, the said party hereto of the second part hath affixed his hand and seal, and to the other part thereof remaining with the said party of the second part, the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have affixed their hands and seals, this day and year first above written.

Now All Men By These Presents, That we

do hereby bind and firmly bound unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in the just and full sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, their successors and assigns, for which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this day of June, 1869.

Whereas, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, do hereby certify that the sum of

_____ dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid, granted, bargained and sold unto the

_____ the right, privilege and franchise to construct, operate and use a railroad with a double track through and along Twenty-third street, in the City of New York, from the North river to the East river.

Now, therefore, the condition of this obligation is such that if the said _____ or his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, shall, within four months from the date hereof, construct, lay down, and

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operate such road, and equip the same with the requisite number of cars and horses in accordance with the provisions of chapter 823, Laws of the State of New York for the year 1869, and in all respects comply with the terms of the agreement entered into by him on June 2, 1869, then this obligation to be void, otherwise remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York were empowered by chapter 823, Laws of 1869, to sell, at public auction, the right to construct, operate and equip a railroad through and along Twenty-third street in the City of New York, from the North river to the East river; and

Whereas, The said Commissioners did sell such right on June 2, 1869, at public auction, to

for the sum of

he being the highest bidder for the same; and

Whereas, The said

has paid into the Treasury of the City of New York the sum of

the amount bid by him for such franchise, and has duly executed the agreement called for by the provisions of said sale and also executed a bond to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, conditioned that he will, within four months from the date thereof, construct, lay down and operate such road, and will equip the same with the requisite number of cars and horses, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 823, Laws of the State of New York for the year 1869.

Now, therefore, know ye, that we, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 823, Laws of 1869, heretofore referred to, do hereby certify, make known and declare that the said

having conformed to the requirements of such law is entitled to the grant of the same, thereby, and is hereby authorized to construct, operate and use a railroad with a double track, and the necessary turnouts and switches for the proper working of the same, through, along and upon Twenty-third street, in the City of New York.

the North river to the East river, but only in accordance with the provisions of the act.

Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and date of June, 1869.

Public notice is hereby given by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, that pursuant to the provisions of the act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a railroad through Twenty-third street, in the City of New York," passed May 10, 1869, they will sell at public auction in the Mayor's Room of the City Hall, in said City, on Wednesday, June 2, 1869, at the highest bidder for the same, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, operate and use a railroad with a double track, and the necessary turnouts and switches for the proper working of the same, through, along and upon Twenty-third street, in the City of New York, from the North river to the East river, on the following terms and conditions:

First—The person or persons or corporation whose bid shall be accepted on the day of the sale, shall, within four months from the day of the sale, finish and complete the same and equip the same with the requisite number of cars and horses; but the person or persons or corporation shall not be restrained or prevented, by any legal proceedings which are pending, from constructing and completing the same, the time during which the person or persons or corporation is so restrained shall not be deemed or taken to be part of the time within which the same is to be completed. The said party or parties shall execute a bond for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, in two good and sufficient bonds, to be approved by the said Commissioners, conditioned for the completion and equipment of the said railroad as above provided, subject to the conditions, and the authority as follows:

Second—Said railroad shall be constructed on the most approved plan for the location of city railroads, and with the rail now used upon the street railroads in Philadelphia, commonly called Philadelphia rail, and shall be run as often as the convenience of passengers may require, and shall be subject to such reasonable regulations in respect thereto as the Common Council of the City of New York may from time to time by ordinance prescribe; and the said party or parties shall be authorized by law to charge the same rate of fare for the conveyance of passengers on said railroad as is now charged by other city railroads in New York.

Third—In the construction, operation or use of such railroad upon the route designated, should such person or corporation deem it necessary or proper to cross, upon, intersect, or use any portion of other railroad tracks now laid upon

the said street above named, he or they are authorized by the aforesaid act upon, intersect, and use the same; and in case they cannot agree with the owner or owners thereof respecting the compensation or payment to be made, then the amount of such compensation or payment shall be ascertained and determined in the manner provided by subdivision six of the twenty-eighth section of the act entitled "An Act to authorize the formation of Railroad Corporation to regulate the same," passed April second, eighteen hundred and fifty, should any real estate or interest therein be required for the purpose of constructing said railroad, as above specified and authorized, for which the said corporation shall be unable to agree with the owner or owners for the purchase thereof, they may acquire the right to use or title to the same in the manner specified in the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first sections of the said act of April second, eighteen hundred and fifty, except that in any of the proceedings for any of the purposes authorized by said act, it shall not be necessary that the petition to the Supreme Court make any allegation of or reference to any incorporation, capital stock, surveys, maps, or of the filing of any certificate of location. But in all cases the use of said street for the purposes of said railroad as authorized by said act, shall be for a public use, consistent with the uses for which the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said city hold said street. Nothing in the said act contained shall authorize or allow the existence of more than two tracks in any part of said street.

Fourth—The Legislature reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal the same, giving the authority to construct and operate such railroad.

Fifth—On payment into the City Treasury of the amount of the said bond, on the execution and approval of the said bond, and the execution of an agreement to perform the conditions and stipulations herein expressed, the said Commissioner will deliver to the party or parties entitled to the same as aforesaid, a certificate that he or they are entitled to such grant.

Sixth—The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any bid as being fraudulent or collusively.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER. B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Dated New York, May 14, 1869.

The Mayor then stated that he would receive bids for the franchise of the said under the terms and announcement just made, when, after repeated bids, ending with \$5,000, the franchise was struck off to a gentleman who announced himself as Sidney A. Yeomans, No. 301 West Fourteenth street, and who gave to the Mayor a card in words and figures following: S. A. Yeomans, 301 West Fourteenth street, at \$150,000, that being the highest bid offered, and the Mayor announced Sidney A. Yeomans as the highest bidder.

Sidney A. Yeomans stated further that he expected to tender, at the proper time, the services of George Law and John Kerr as his sureties, and he executed a provisional agreement as memoranda to comply with and fulfill the terms and conditions of the said agreement, and the Commissioners executed a duplicate provisional agreement.

The Commissioners then adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor,
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
HUGH SMITH, Deputy Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.
PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 8, 1869.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 8, 1869.

Present—The Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

In the absence of the Mayor the Recorder presided.

A communication was received from D. B. Eaton, Esq., counsel to "Board of Excise," requesting copies of the City and County tax levies, etc., whereupon motion, was referred to the Comptroller to reply to the same.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Board of Excise be and he be requested to deposit in the Broadway Bank, to the credit of the Chamberlain of the City of New York, the moneys now in his hands, as said Treasurer, received from the sale of excise licenses.

A communication was received from N. J. Waterbury, Esq., in relation to the services on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at Albany during the session of the Legislature of 1869, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of Nelson J. Waterbury for three thousand dollars, in full for services on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at Albany attending the Legislature of 1869.

The following resolution was submitted, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to invest the surplus moneys of the Sinking Fund in the stocks and bonds of the City or of New York, authorized by acts of the Legislature at its last session.

the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of the City Chamberlain for the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be charged to the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt" on account of the "Surplus Revenues" of said fund for the year 1869, and credited to the "General Fund" of said year, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 163, Laws of the State of 1862.

The following application for leases of piers, etc., were received, and, on motion, referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, with power, viz.:

Application of Washington Ice Company for lease of bulkhead foot of Hammond street, North river.

Application of George W. Quintard for renewal of lease of Pier No. 36, North river, foot of North Moore street.

Application of D. C. Newall for renewal of lease of bulkhead foot of Nineteenth street, North river.

Application of Herman Hastorf for lease of pier foot of Fortieth street, North river.

Application of Francis O'Niel for lease of bulkhead foot of Forty-sixth street, North river.

Application of Jesse Ryder for renewal of lease of pier at Seventy-ninth street, North river.

Application of H. B. Cromwell & Co. for lease of Pier No. 12 and bulkhead between Nos. 12 and 13, North river.

Application of Jeremiah Austin for renewal of lease of east half of Pier No. 5 and west half of Pier No. 6, East river.

Application of Charles A. Silliman (offer for privilege to collect wharfage) for lease of Piers Nos. 6 and 7, East river.

Application of J. & N. Briggs, agents of "Swiftsure Line" Steam Propellers to Philadelphia, for renewal of lease of Pier No. 12, East river.

Application of New Haven Transportation Company for lease of Pier No. 26 and bulkhead between Nos. 25 and 26, East river.

Application of D. W. C. Ward for lease of pier foot of Twenty-fifth street, East river.

Application of Charles Loeb for lease of Pier foot of Twenty-fifth street, East river.

Application of John Nesbit for renewal of lease of pier at Thirty-seven East river.

Application of Kane & Ryan for renewal of lease of pier foot of Thirty street, East river.

Application of David Babcock for lease of pier foot of Forty-eighth street, East river.

Application of W. J. and J. T. Peck for lease of bulkhead foot of Forty street, East river.

Application of Harlem Gas Light Company for renewal of lease of pier at One Hundred and Tenth street, East river.

Application of Harlem and New York Navigation Company for renewal of pier at One Hundred and Twentieth street, Harlem river.

Application of E. A. Moore for lease of Pier foot of One Hundred and Twentieth street, East river.

Application of "New York Balance Dock Company" for lease of piers and bulkheads now occupied by said company at the foot of Pike street, East river.

Adjourned.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

HUGH SMITH, Deputy Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee,
Board of Aldermen.

PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee,
of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

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JUNE 12, 1869.
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a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 12, 1869.

present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

Sidney A. Yeomans appeared in person before the Commissioners present, being tendered for \$150,000 for the Twenty-third street railroad privilege at the public sale instant. Bond in the sum of \$150,000 was demanded from him individually for the amount of his said bid, which he individually declined to give. A certificate signed by every Commissioner of the Sinking Fund entitling him to the privilege of his said bid, upon payment of said sum (the Chamberlain being present), was tendered him, and a bond for fulfillment and payment requested, which he individually refused to give and make; said certificate is filed in the records. He claimed by counsel to have really made the bid for the so-called Twenty-third Street Railroad Company, and counsel exhibited an assignment of his bid made after the day of sale to said so-called company, and there was tendered to him by said company one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in currency, and a bond in behalf of said so-called company, signed by George Law and John A. B. Smith, but the Commissioners refused and declined to recognize any bidder but the original one, Sidney A. Yeomans, who individually on the day of sale signed a statement of bid, and stated that he bid for himself, or any tender except on his individual behalf, or any bond except for the performance by him of an obligation to build the road; wherefore, after some discussion, on motion of the Mayor, seconded by the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, it was unanimously

resolved, That the bid of Sidney A. Yeomans be rejected, first, because the bid, as estimated by the Commissioners, was and is fraudulent and collusive; and,

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second, because of non-compliance with terms of sale, and that the Secretary with serve notice hereof upon said Sidney A. Yeomans.

The agreement executed by Sidney A. Yeomans June 2, 1869, in which he covenanted and agreed, among other things, as follows: "And will, within six months from the date hereof, pay said sum into the City Treasury to the order of the Chamberlain of the City of New York" (see copy C), was canceled in his part because of non-performance of the payment clause.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee.
Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 1, 1869.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office July 1, 1869.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The Comptroller laid before the Commissioners an act of the Legislature (Chapter 857) entitled "An Act making appropriations for certain public and charitable institutions," passed May 11, 1869, when, after some discussion, the Board submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Excise Board be notified that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, after full investigation of the legal questions involved in the appropriations made for various purposes by the Legislature out of the license fees, have unanimously arrived at the conclusion that the entire license fees are pledged to the revenues of the City and County of New York for the redemption of City Debt, and that therefore the said Treasurer is respectfully requested that for any diversions of any part of said fund from said revenues he will be held responsible, and that he be requested to account for all of the said fees to the Chamberlain.

A communication was received from Hugh Macfarlane, Jr., in relation to his application for quit-claim of land below high-water mark on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-third and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth streets, dated May 14, 1869, which, on motion, was referred to the legal members of the Board to examine and report.

A communication was received from W. C. Rogers & Co. in relation to stationery, drawing maps of piers, etc., presented January 18, 1869, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioner in relation to location for floating baths, which, on motion, was referred to the Mayor and Comptroller, with power to select location and report to the Street Commissioner.

The Comptroller submitted the following report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner on the application of the executors of Isaac Dyckman for a water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Ninety-sixth and Two Hundred and Eleventh streets, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
July 1, 1869.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom referred the application of Isaac M. Dyckman and John H. Dyckman, executors of Isaac Dyckman, for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by them on Harlem river and Sherman's creek, between One Hundred and Ninety-sixth and Two Hundred and Eleventh streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that if the application be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at one dollar per foot front, running measure, and that a grant or grants be issued to the said executors, or their order, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant or grants to be issued to Isaac M. Dyckman and John H. Dyckman, executors of Isaac Dyckman, for land under water on Harlem river and Sherman's creek, in front of upland owned by them, between One Hundred and Ninety-sixth and Two Hundred and Eleventh streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at one dollar per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

An ordinance of the Common Council in relation to salt water baths at Battery was received and, on motion, referred to the legal members of the Board.

The following applications and petitions were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Application of Stephen Roberts for lease of pier foot of One Hundred and Tenth street, East river.

Referred to the Comptroller, with power.

Application of William Bradley for renewal of lease of Piers foot of Thirty-ninth and Fortieth streets.

Referred to the Comptroller, with power.

Petition of Five Points House of Industry for release of the right of the City of a plot of land adjoining their present building and known as Mission place, as shown on diagram annexed to said petition.

Referred to the Mayor and the Recorder to examine and report.

Petition of Mary J. Ackerman in relation to stay of proceedings in case of foreclosure of mortgage on premises No. 249 William street; after some discussion it was on motion,

Resolved, That the resolution adopted February 27, 1869, on application of P. C. Ackerman granting a stay of proceedings in the suit for foreclosure of mortgage on premises No. 249 William street be rescinded, and that notice be given to the effect to the Corporation and parties in interest.

Application of Robert H. Shannon for pay for legal services, etc., in the case of M. Wright and others in relation to title to lots in Forty-second street.

After an examination of the case, on motion, the application was denied.

The following resolution was submitted, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Comptroller, with power to arrange and settle any liabilities incurred by him in borrowing money for the City.

The Recorder submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Mayor and the Comptroller be authorized and directed to have prepared, in a form convenient for reference, a statement of all the real estate owned by the Corporation, giving location with metes and bounds, and when acquired, and if by purchase, the date of such purchase and the consideration for purchase, and also the volume and folio in which any conveyance of real estate of the Corporation is recorded in the Register's office, and the purpose for which the property shall now be used. Said statement or list shall further contain an account of all the real estate now leased by the Corporation, and the terms

of lease and also an account of all real estate now leased to the Corporation, what purpose used, and the terms of such leasing. Said statement and list also contain a statement of all water grants made by the Corporation, and the surveys of all property held, leased or granted by the Corporation, and the same shall be accompanied by maps or diagrams showing the form and dimensions of each lot or separate parcel of property, and also all other property belonging to the Corporation, not included in this list, because it is not properly real estate. It consists of ungranted ground below high-water mark along various parts of the shores of the City, which is subject to the pre-emptive rights of the adjacent landowners, and also some estate in the old roads on the island, which have been closed, and will be by the progress of improvements, and that five thousand copies of said list be printed under the direction of the Comptroller.

The Mayor submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That Alderman Moore and the Chamberlain be a committee to investigate and speedily report whether, and if so, by what authority the Railroad of New Jersey run a ferry from Liberty street.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENY, Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee.
Board of Aldermen.
PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee.
of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 16, 1869.

meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office July 16, 1869.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Committee to whom was referred the application of John L. Macfarlan, Jr., for "quit-claim of all right, title and interest of the Board of Assistant Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the (twelve) lots below the original high-water line," on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-third and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth streets, as shown on the map annexed to application, reported in favor of granting said application, and on motion, was adopted, and the Comptroller authorized to carry the same into effect.

An application of John L. Brown, contractor for cleaning streets, for additional "Excise Boards" was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with instructions to report thereon at the next meeting.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Metropolitan Board of Excise, submitting an opinion of the counsel of said Board in relation to "Approvals by the Legislature of moneys to be paid from the Excise Fund," when, on motion, it was ordered that the same be read.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the Metropolitan Commissioners of Excise to pay into the Treasury of the City, to the Credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the moneys received by said Commissioners of Excise in the City of New York during the current year.

On motion, it was,

Resolved, That the Mayor and the Chamberlain be, and they be appointed a committee to examine and report as to the title of the Corporation Arsenal property in White street.

Application.

The application of Joseph W. Koehler for grant of land under water on river, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets was received, motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor,
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller,
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee,
Board of Aldermen.
PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee,
of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

 OCTOBER 7, 1869.

a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held October 7, 1869.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The following communication from the "New York Bridge Company" was read, viz.:

NEW YORK BRIDGE COMPANY, }
 October 1, 1869.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

SIR—GENTLEMEN—I am instructed on behalf of this company to make application to you for the purchase of your title in the land on the Brooklyn shore required for the foundation of the tower of the proposed bridge on that side of the river. I enclose you a diagram showing precisely what is wanted. It is embraced within the yellow coloring, yellow and pink, and the slip within the yellow coloring.

This property is understood to be under lease for ferry purposes to the Union Ferry Company; the lease will expire on the first of May, 1871, and is burdened with covenants to pay for improvements.

The law creating this company authorizes it to treat with the owners of land for its purposes as to the compensation to be paid them, and in case of refusal to agree upon terms to apply to the court for the appointment of commissioners to value the land.

We wish to avoid the delay of the latter course, and therefore have to request that this subject may receive both your favorable and immediate consideration. Every day lost in negotiation postpones the beginning as well as the completion of the bridge.

The ferry company claims compensation for excavations made for the slip, which we now have one, that is made by them during the lease, and for certain improvements belonging to the covenants in the lease.

We take away, in fact, one-third of the ferry accommodations and all the land used for coal yards. I refer to these matters merely to facilitate your proceedings in the premises.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,

HENRY C. MURPHY, President,

After due consideration the Chamberlain submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The New York Bridge Company have made application through their President, Hon. Henry C. Murphy, for the purchase of the title of the land owned by the Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York of the land on the East shore required for the foundation of the tower of the proposed bridge on the East shore of the river, as shown on the accompanying diagram, being the land embraced by the two colorings, yellow and pink, on said diagram, and the slip within the yellow coloring thereon; therefore

Resolved, Pursuant to the authority and direction of the statute in that behalf provided that such property be sold to the said company for the purpose of the same on receiving just compensation therefor, and that Wilson G. Hunt and John W. Agnew, Esq., be and they are hereby appointed to appraise such value, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and that they also be authorized to do what, if any, compensation should be made to the Union Ferry Company for the premises.

Resolved, That if either of said appraisers decline, that the Comptroller have power to appoint an appraiser in his place.

The subject of the disposition of the railroad franchise in Twenty-third Ward was referred to and discussed, when the Chamberlain submitted the following resolutions, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Mayor be a committee to obtain the opinion of John W. O'Connor, Esq., on the following points, viz.:

First—Whether the agreement could be legally made with the company for the same to be assignees of the bidder at the sale, to whom the grant was awarded.

Second—Whether the sale was valid in view of the terms and conditions of the sale imposing restrictions beyond the authority of the act of the Legislature of a burdensome character, which may have operated to reduce the amount of the bid.

The communication from the Street Commissioner (see minutes of July 27th) in relation to location of floating baths, together with the accompanying resolutions, were, on motion, referred to the Mayor, with power.

the following communication, from the officers of the "Chapin Home," in answer to the "allotment" of certain lots as a location for said home, was received, viz.:

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, *Comptroller, etc.*:

DEAR SIR—Yours informing me of the allotment by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of certain lots to the Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm is received.

In reply, I beg leave to thank you and the Commissioners on behalf of our noble Society for the prompt courtesy in the matter and to say that the location is entirely suitable. The names of the officers of the incorporation are: President, Mrs. H. Chapin; vice-presidents, Mrs. George Hoffman, Mrs. Joseph A. Jameson, Emily A. Wall; treasurer, Mrs. D. D. T. Marshall; secretary, Mary Willard.

The names of the advisory committee are as follows: Daniel D. T. Marshall, George Hoffman, Charles L. Stickney, Adolph Rusch, Joseph A. Jameson, James G. Jr., Collis D. Huntington.

We please have our lease perfected as soon as possible, as we propose to erect buildings at once.

Very respectfully yours,

D. D. T. MARSHALL, Chairman of Advisory Committee.

No. 231 Broadway, July 21, 1869.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a lease be made to the directors of the Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm for the period of ninety-nine years, as leases have heretofore been made to charitable institutions, by the Corporation of the City of New York, at the rate of one dollar per annum, of the twelve lots on the block bounded by Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, and Third and Lexington avenues, viz., six lots on Sixty-sixth street, Nos. 33 to 38, inclusive, and six lots on Sixty-seventh street, Nos. 49 to 54, inclusive, as shown on the diagram annexed. The lease to be prepared by the Corporation under the direction of the Comptroller and the Recorder, and to be submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for their approval, the lease to contain the usual covenants, and to provide that the home be open to persons without regard to place of birth, creed or denomination, as provided in the established rule of the society.

The Recorder presented the application of the Knickerbocker Ice Company, asking that a covenant be inserted in the lease to be executed to them of Pier No. 12, at Leroy street, North river, to the effect that a renewal be granted to them at the expiration of the term of ten years' lease and at the same rental; as a condition for such renewal the said company is to expend not less than fifty thousand dollars in permanent improvements upon said pier, which improvements,

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at the expiration of the term of renewal, shall become the property of Corporation.

On motion of the Recorder, it was

Resolved, That the application be referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller and that they report thereon.

The application of A. E. Tilton for water grant on Harlem river, at C Hundred and Fortieth street. was received, which, on motion, was referred to Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor,
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 23, 1869.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office October 23, 1869.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of Finance Committees of both Boards

The following application of D. W. C. Ward was received, viz.:

NEW YORK, August 31, 1869.

R. B. CONNOLLY, *Comptroller*:

SIR—The pier at the foot of Twenty-fifth street, East river, being in a useless condition so that no boats can possibly land there, and as I understand there are funds in the City Treasury by which the same can be rebuilt, I would ask the privilege of rebuilding a portion of it, say two hundred and twenty-five feet in length by twenty in width, at my own expense.

With the understanding that the City gives me a ten years' lease of the same for which I will pay a rent of six hundred dollars (\$600) per annum, and keep said pier in good repair, the City being at no expense whatever in relation to it.

Very respectfully,

D. W. C. WARD,

No. 3 Water street, New York.

On motion, the application was referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, with

the application of Board of Metropolitan Police for the exclusive possession of the easterly half of the pier situated next west of Pier No. 1, East river, adjoining the west side the pier of the Staten Island ferry, at the foot of Whitehall street, occupied by the harbor police boat until the further order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

On motion, the application was granted, on condition of payment of rent for premises.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to invest any surplus in the Sinking Fund for Debt in Court House Stock No. 3, bearing interest at seven per cent., at one hundred and two dollars per one hundred dollars.

The application of the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company to lease the ferry from the foot of Grand street, New York, to the foot of Grand street Brooklyn, E. D., was received, when, on motion of the Chamberlain, it was

Resolved, That all ferry franchises be disposed of at public auction.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is directed to take the necessary measures to compel the Hoboken Ferry Company to sign the leases of said ferry.

A resolution of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor October 20, 1868, authorizing the Comptroller to draw his warrant in favor of J. Hyde for the sum of \$300 to reimburse him for moneys paid for water rent of his distillery in Seven Avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets, from May 1, 1868, to November 1, 1868, he not having used the water for the time mentioned (six months) was received, when, on motion, it was decided that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have not the power to carry the aforesaid resolution into effect.

The Comptroller reported a balance on the 16th instant of \$876,033.82 to the credit of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt, and recommended that \$600,000 be transferred to the "General Fund," as provided by chapter 163, Laws of 1862, when, on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That six hundred thousand dollars of the surplus revenues of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt for 1869 be transferred to the General Fund, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 163, Laws of 1862, and that a warrant be executed, payable to the order of the Chamberlain, for that purpose.

The following applications were received and, on motion, referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, with power, viz.:

Application of A. T. Conklin for lease of north half of Pier No. 12, North river, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets.

Application of A. T. Conklin for lease of north half of Pier No. 12, North river, with bulkhead between piers Nos. 12 and 13, the whole of Pier No. 13, with bulkhead between Nos. 13 and 14.

Application of Ezra Quimby for lease of easterly half of Pier No. 51, East river, westerly half of Pier No. 52, with bulkhead between.

Application of John S. and Hugh Masterton for lease of the whole or half of pier foot of Forty-eighth street and Fifty-third street, East river.

Application of Russel Sturgis for renewal of lease of Piers No. 12 and 13, North with bulkhead between.

Application of William E. Duryea and William L. Shadlow for lease of the south pier foot of Vesey street, and to rebuild the same, etc.

The lease of twelve lots as a site for the "Chapin Home," as authorized at the meeting, October 7, was submitted, and, on motion, approved.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That Hamilton Square and all other unimproved property of the Corporation be disposed of at public auction, on the usual terms, and at as early a date as practicable.

The application of William J. Blydenburgh and others for grant of land under water on the East river, Brooklyn, at Dock and Water streets, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor,
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENY, Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.
PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 6, 1869.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Controller's Office December 6, 1869.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

The report of Wilson G. Hunt and John T. Agnew, appointed October 1868, to appraise the value of "the land on the Brooklyn shore, required for the erection of the tower for the proposed bridge," was received, and, on motion, ordered on file for future reference.

On motion of the Chamberlain, it was

Resolved, That five hundred dollars be paid to each of said appraisers (Wilson G. Hunt and John T. Agnew) for their services, to be accompanied with an expression of the thanks of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the thorough and satisfactory manner in which they have performed their duties as appraisers.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the dangerous condition of the wharves and piers belonging to the Corporation, which, on motion, was ordered on file for future reference.

A communication was received from "The New York Pier and Warehouse Company" in relation to the erection of piers, with warehouses thereon, which, on motion, was ordered on file.

The application of the Seventh Regiment, National Guard, S. N. Y., for land for armory, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Chamberlain to examine and report.

communication was received from the Secretary of the Metropolitan Board of Works in reference to appropriations by the Legislature to be paid from the fund, which, on motion, was ordered on file.

The application of the Union Ferry Company, of Brooklyn, for a new lease of the ferries now leased by them from the Corporation of the City of New York, was considered, when, on motion of the Chamberlain, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The New York Bridge Company having made application for the use of the title of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York of the land on the Brooklyn shore, required for the foundation of the tower of the proposed bridge on that side of the river, as shown on the diagram accompanying the application; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund appointed Wilson G. Hunt and John T. Agnew, Esqrs., to appraise the value of such land, and the said Commissioners have this day reported such value at one hundred and sixty thousand dollars; and such land will at once be taken for the proposed purpose; and

Whereas, The said land is now in the use of the Union Ferry Company under lease from the City for ferry purposes to May 1, 1871, and occupied for an extra and unnecessary arrangement to operate the ferry running to that point, and the said Company have presented an application for a new lease of the remaining premises, on the fact of such part of their premises being taken as aforesaid for the said bridge, and setting forth that to make the necessary alterations and construct new wharves and landing and other required changes will involve an outlay of from one hundred thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and that the company cannot be justified in expending such sum for the remainder of the present lease, and setting forth that the company are not running their ferries for the purpose of making money, being limited to ten per cent. dividend, and it is a matter of vital public interest that adequate ferry accommodations should be provided; therefore

Resolved, That the said application of the Union Ferry Company be referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller to make such an equitable lease to the said company as the circumstances shall seem to them to justify (see page 1054).

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, with power, to lease the bulkhead between piers Nos. 20 and 21, North river, to the Anchor Line Steamships, running between Glasgow and New York, for the term of ten years, at a rent as may be agreed upon.

Bill of D. D. and T. Smith for repairs to Pier No. 34 North river, was received and laid on the table, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund not having power to pay the same.

Bills for compiling returns of arrears of Croton water rents, for 1868, received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The Comptroller submitted a plan of the new Eighteenth Ward Market, divided for stands, prepared by William W. Burnham, which, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen to examine and report.

Application of Joseph Cudlipp to lease the right to erect a pier at foot of Seventieth street, North river, was received, and, on motion, ordered on file.

The application of Julia B. Hinchman for reduction of consideration for grant on the Hudson river, between Two Hundred and Fourth and Two Hundred and Sixth streets, as fixed November 27, 1868, was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner to examine and report.

The Comptroller submitted the report of the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner on the application of Jacob Voorhis, Jr., for water grant on the East river, between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets, as follows, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
December 4, 1869.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Jacob Voorhis, Jr., for grant of land under water, on the East river, in front of upland owned by him, between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred and recommend that the application be granted; the consideration for the land under water fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the applicant, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Jacob Voorhis, Jr., for land under water in front of upland

by him on the East river, between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor,
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.
PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee
Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 27, 1869.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 27, 1869.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The following communication was received from Hon. Henry C. Murphy, President of the New York Bridge Company, viz.:

NEW YORK BRIDGE COMPANY, }
BROOKLYN, Dec. 27, 1869. }

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to acknowledge, on behalf of the New York Bridge Company, a copy of the report of appraisal of property belonging to the City of New York proposed to be taken for the foundation of the tower of the Bridge on the Brooklyn side, made by Messrs. Hunt and Agnew.

I am instructed to say that the board of directors of this company deem the amount of their appraisal more than the property is worth, and they cannot consent thereto. I submit to you a copy of the appraisal of Messrs. Studwell & Ludlam, two gentlemen selected by our board for the purpose of estimating the value of the land, for the purpose of asking your consideration of the same, and in the hope that we may agree upon the amount without resort to proceedings under the statute.

I am respectfully yours,

HEN. C. MURPHY, President.

On motion of the Chamberlain it was

Resolved, That the aforesaid communication of Henry C. Murphy, President, and the accompanying report of Messrs. Studwell & Ludlam, be referred to our former appraisers, Wilson G. Hunt and John T. Agnew, for consideration, with the request that they confer with the counsel of said company and with the appraisers selected by them, and re-examine the subject and report the result.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Pilots in relation to "Repairs to Pier No. 19, East river," which, on motion, was ordered on file.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

resolved, That the Legislature be applied to for the passage of an act providing for the rebuilding of the wharves and piers of the City on a comprehensive plan adapted to our commercial necessities, under the direction of a board of competent persons to be appointed by the Mayor, and that Joseph F. Daly, Esq., be employed as Counsel to prepare such act upon consultation with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The application of the United States Iron Works for water grant at the foot of the Hundred and Eighteenth street, Harlem river, was received and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

The application of Dennis M. Edgar for lease of store corner of Fulton and Broadway streets was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and Chairman of Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That it be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Mayor, the Comptroller and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to consider and report upon the expediency of leasing or selling the public markets; and that such committee invite an expression of the views of the persons occupying the public markets on the question.

On motion, it was

resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to employ counsel to protect and promote the interests of the Sinking Fund before the Legislature in the ensuing session.

The bill of William W. Burnham for services rendered during the years 1868 and 1869 in preparing leases, etc. (see bill), was audited at one thousand dollars and ordered paid.

The application of Samuel C. Holmes, Deputy Collector of City Revenue, for payment for extra services (see application on file). Claim audited at one thousand dollars and ordered paid.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor,
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.
PETER CULKIN, Chairman Finance Committee
Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 17, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office January 17, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of both Boards.

On motion of the Chamberlain the Mayor was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

On motion, W. H. Dikeman was appointed Clerk or Secretary for the ensuing year, salary same as last year.

1. The application of Henry M. and Charles C. Taber for water grant on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Eighteenth and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets, was received and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

2. The petition of the executors of James Danforth for stay of proceedings in the suit for foreclosure of mortgage on Pier No. 44, North river, belonging to the estate of the said Danforth; and that the amount due the corporation be paid for three or five years, was received and, on motion,

Referred to the Mayor and Comptroller, to make such equitable arrangements as they may judge proper.

Comptroller submitted the following reports, viz.:

The report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner on the application of the Harlem Gas Light Company for extension of water grant, on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, as follows, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
January 17, 1870.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of the Harlem Gas Light Company for a reduction of the consideration for a water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, as fixed by resolution adopted October 15, 1866, respectfully

report, that they have considered the subject referred, and as the grant applied for an extension of a former grant to the present exterior line recommend that the said resolution fixing the consideration for said grant be reconsidered and amended, so as to fix the price for said extension at ten (10) dollars per foot running measure.

Resolution amended as recommended above is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to the Harlem Gas Light Company, of the City of New York, for land under water on Harlem river in front of the premises owned by the said company, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Eleventh streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the covenants and conditions at ten (10) dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner on the application of Oliver Bryan for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, as follows, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
December 28, 1869.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Oliver Bryan for grant of land under water in front of the

upland owned by him on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, respectfully

Report, that they have considered the subject referred, and, on examination find that One Hundred and Fourteenth street is regulated, graded, curbed and entered 175 feet east of Avenue A, and that there is a dock at the foot of One Hundred and Fourteenth street belonging to the corporation.

We recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land and water fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a resolution be issued therefor to the said Oliver Bryan extending to the exterior line of the same as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Oliver Bryan for land under water in front of the same owned by him on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Fifteenth streets, extending to the exterior line of the same now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Mr. John T. Agnew, one of the appraisers appointed to fix the amount to be paid for the premises required for the foundation of the tower of the Eastern Bridge, on the Brooklyn shore, reported that Mr. Wilson G. Hunt, his co-appraiser and himself, had re-examined the question of the value of said property and met with the appraisers on the part of the said bridge company, and reconsideration had determined that no reduction should be made from the value of their former appraisal.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen presented the following resolution which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid to John Mullally the sum of one hundred dollars in full for services as messenger to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the year 1869.

Sundry bills for advertising the railroad franchise in Twenty-third street, sold at public auction, were presented, when, on motion, it was

resolved, That the bills for advertising said railroad franchise for sale by
on the second day of June, 1869, be
referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, with power.

djourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.
NICHOLAS HAUGHTON, Chairman Finance
Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 28, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office February 28, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

1. The Comptroller submitted the report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner on the application of the New York Orphan Asylum Society for a grant on the Hudson river, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fifth streets, as follows, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
February 24, 1870.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to whom was submitted the application of the New York Orphan Asylum Society for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by said society on the Hudson river, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fifth streets, respectfully

Report, that they have considered the subject referred and recommended that the application be granted; the consideration for the said land under water be seventy-five dollars (\$75) per foot front, running measure; and that a grant be made therefor to the said New York Orphan Asylum Society, extending to the line of the City, as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is hereby submitted.

(Signed) RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEORGE W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant issued to the New York Orphan Asylum Society for land under water on Hudson river in front of the upland owned by said society, between Seventy-second and Seventy-fifth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at seventy-five dollars (\$75) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Mayor reported that the petition of the executors of James Danforth of proceedings in the suit for foreclosure of mortgage on Pier No. 44, North of Hudson river, and that the amount due be funded for three or five years, must be denied, as the Board of Finance and legal members of the Board agree that the Commissioners of the Hudson River Fund have no power to grant the relief applied for.

On motion, the report was adopted and the petition denied.

Applications.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to wit:

The application of Eliza A. H. Sayre for water grant on the south side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Application of Mary Jane Hall for water grant on the south side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Application of Eliza A. H. Sayre and Mary Jane Hall for water grant on the south side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Application of Jane Warner for water grant on the south side of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Application of Joseph H. Godwin and George H. Peck for water grant on Hudson river, between Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets.

Application of Jonathan W. Allen for water grants between First and Third streets and One Hundred and Seventh and One Hundred and Ninth streets.

The following applications for lease of piers were received and referred to the Board of Finance and the Comptroller, with power, viz.:

Application of Herman Hastorf for lease of pier foot of Fifty-third street, Hudson river.

Application of Michael McNally for lease of pier foot of Twenty-eighth street, East river.

3. Application of M. O. Roberts for lease of pier foot of Warren street, North river.

A communication from J. L. Brown in relation to the necessity of better facilities for Street Cleaning Association in the item of dumping-boards than at present provided was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The proposition of Daniel Gallagher to lease plot of ground at Forty-sixth street, East river, to the Corporation for five years was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The proposition of J. R. Whiting, to lease plot of ground at Thirty-third street, East river, to the Corporation for five years was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

Oliver Charlock, Esq., appeared before the Commissioners and made application for the removal of certain nuisances caused by dumping-boards at foot of Thirty-third street, East river, and at the bulkhead adjacent to Roosevelt and Jamieson slip ferries, before he institutes legal proceedings, and in connection with his application submitted the following "extract" from the minutes of Commission for Cleaning Streets, viz.:

(Copy.)

"Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Commission for Cleaning the Streets, held Monday, April 20, 1868. * * *"

The Mayor stated that he had been consulted by Mr. (Oliver) Charlick and the contractor, Mr. Whiting, as to such an arrangement of the dumping facilities at the piers adjoining the Peck slip ferry as would prevent them from being a nuisance to the passengers at that ferry; that it was found that by repairing a broken pier in the vicinity it could be rendered available for the purpose, and that those gentlemen were willing to have the pier properly repaired, and to advance the cost of the same, provided they could be reimbursed therefor by the City; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the subject of repairing the broken pier, near the Peck slip ferry, so as to render it available for dumping purposes, be referred to the Comptroller with authority to agree with the contractor, James R. Whiting, that if said contractor would cause the necessary repairs to be made and pay the cost thereof, the Commission for Cleaning the Streets would use its efforts to have him reimbursed by the City, upon proper vouchers, provided the expense did not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

The Chamberlain moved that the subject be referred to the Comptroller, with power, to obtain an appropriation in tax levy, and repair the broken pier near said

and devote it to dumping purposes instead of bulkhead now used for that
e, which, on motion, was adopted.

e Mayor reported the nuisance at Thirty-third street abated.

e Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was
d, to wit:

solved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to pay the claim
counsel on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to resist the
nt from "The Metropolitan Excise Fund" of moneys to various charitable
ions, under chapter 857, Laws of 1869, said moneys having been pledged to
king Fund by former acts of the Legislature.

Journed.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

NICHOLAS HAUGHTON, Chairman Finance
Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 19, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 19, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The Comptroller presented an act of the Legislature entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York to lease to The Foundling Asylum of the Sisters of Charity in the City of New York a piece or parcel of land belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of said city, for the purpose of erecting a foundling asylum thereon," passed March 11, 1870; which was ordered on file.

Thereupon the Chamberlain offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a lease be made to the Foundling Hospital, under the control of the Sisters of Charity of the City of New York, for the period of ninety-nine years, as leases have heretofore been made to charitable institutions, by the Corporation of the City of New York, at the rent of one dollar per annum, of such premises as may be agreed on by the Mayor and the Comptroller, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the Sisters of Charity, pursuant to chapter 100 of the Laws of 1870; the lease to be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, under the direction of the Comptroller and the Recorder, and to be submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval, the lease to contain the usual covenants.

Applications.

The application of Henry Hart and William Remsen for water grant on the Hudson river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, was received and referred to the Comptroller and the Street Commissioner.

The application of Mount Sinai Hospital for an additional lot of ground on Sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, for said hospital, was received and referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, with power.

A communication was received from F. W. Coggill, on behalf of the widow of F. W. Coggill, in relation to an application of W. G. Ackerman to the Commissioner of the Land Office for a grant of land, including a portion claimed by her on the Harlem river at Kingsbridge, by virtue of water grant from the City to Frederick McComb (see Liber "E" of City Grants, page 44), which, on motion, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to take such action as may be necessary to protect the interests of the City.

The report of the Metropolitan Board of Excise for 1869 was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from D. D. & T. Smith, lessees of north half of Block No. 34, North river, in relation to rebuilding and extending the same, which was referred to the Street Commissioner.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor,
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
PETER B. SWEENEY, Chamberlain.

H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 13, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 13, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

Cyrus P. Smith, Esq., President of the Union Ferry Company of Brooklyn, appeared before the Commissioners and made a statement of the annual business of said company and sundry remarks in relation to the application of said company for a renewal of their lease, when, on motion of the Chamberlain, it was

Resolved, As the sense of this Commission that, in answer to the application of the Union Ferry Company of Brooklyn for renewal of leases, the Commissioners offer a lease of all the existing ferries for ten years, at one dollar per year, on condition that between the hours of five and half-past seven o'clock, both morning and the afternoon, the company will fix the fare at one cent, and remains two cents between every other hour of the day than those designated, one cent.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, viz.:

Application of Peter Cooper for water grant on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets.

Application of James M. Lewis for water grant on Harlem creek, between Eighth and Ninth avenues and One Hundred and Fiftieth and One Hundred and Fifty-first streets.

The application of Herman Koehler for repayment of amount claimed to be in excess for Croton water for the year commencing May 1, 1867, was received.

application denied, the Commissioners having no power to grant the same.

The application of Solomon Simm for repayment of amount paid for Croton from August 29 to November 1, 1867, the applicant not using the water during that period, on account of the destruction of his distillery by fire, was denied.

Application disposed of as in the preceding case

The application of Jacob Vanderpoel to have award for extending Lexington from Sixty-sixth to Ninety-seventh street, after deducting amount of interest due, applied on his mortgage, etc., was received, and, on motion, referred to the Corporation for his opinion.

The application of William H. Florence to have interest paid on bond since November 1, 1869, when the said bond became due, was received.

Application denied, the Commissioners having no power in the premises.

The report on the application of Julia B. Hinchman for reduction of price fixed for grant on the Hudson river, between Two Hundred and Fourth and Two Hundred and Sixth streets was presented, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
March 22, 1870.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of Julia B. Hinchman for reduction of consideration for grant on the Hudson river, between Two Hundred and Fourth and Two Hundred and Sixth streets, as fixed by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of November 27, 1868, respectfully

report that they have considered the subject, and on examination find that grants of water have been issued contiguous to the one in question at a consideration per foot front, running measure; we therefore recommend that the resolution of November 27, 1868, fixing the consideration for the water grant to Julia B. Hinchman be reconsidered and amended so as to fix the consideration for the grant to Julia B. Hinchman at one dollar per foot front, running measure.

(Signed) RICHARD B CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Julia B. Hinchman for land under water on the Hudson river, in

front of upland owned by her, between Two Hundred and Fourth and Two Hundred and Sixth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at one dollar per foot of running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Bills.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid, viz.:

Bill of Samuel E. Warren for engrossing and framing resolutions of petitioners of the Sinking Fund in relation to the Foundling Hospital, \$450.

Bill of R. F. Andrews, Esq., for professional services in the case of the Health against Richard Flinn, \$3,000.

The Comptroller presented a copy of an act (chapter 504) of the Legislature to authorize the construction of a railroad in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street and in certain other streets and avenues in the City of New York, passed March 21, 1870, which, on motion, was referred to the Chamberlain to make the arrangements to carry the same into effect.

The copy of an act (chapter 85) of the Legislature in relation to "The Home Society of the Baptist Churches in the City of New York," passed March 21, 1870, was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

A communication was received from Maitland, Phelps & Co. in relation to interest on stocks of the City issued prior to February 1, 1862, which, on motion, was referred to the Chamberlain to examine and report.

The application of Committee of Board of Education on Normal School to have twelve lots of ground in Reservoir Square assigned as a location of a Normal College, in pursuance of chapter 383, section 12, Laws of State of New York, was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Chamberlain to confer with the petitioners of Parks and report.

In pursuance of the resolution adopted March 19, 1870, the Commission designated the following lots as a location for the "Foundling Hospital": Half of block fronting on Lexington avenue, east side, between Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth streets, comprising Lots Nos. 153, 154, 155, 156, 183, 184, 185 and 186 on Lexington avenue; Nos. 157, 158, 159 and 160 on Sixty-eighth street, and Nos. 180, 181 and 182 on Sixty-ninth street (see map of part of what was formerly known as Hamilton Square, surveyed and laid out by Edward Boyle, July, 1869).

The following communication from the Department of Docks was received, viz.:

NO. 76 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK.

to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—You are respectfully requested to direct the Comptroller of the City of New York to prepare and issue "Dock Bonds of the City of New York" in the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks.

By order of the Board of Docks,

JOHN T. AGNEW, President.

RICHARD M. HENRY,
Secretary, etc.

Whereupon the Chamberlain offered the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to issue, on his own proposals, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars Dock Bonds of the City of New York, to be redeemable on the 1st day of November, 1901, to bear interest at five per cent. per annum, as authorized by section 42 of chapter 383, Laws of 1870.

And sundry bills for "Advertising sale of stands and stalls" in the new (Eighteenth Avenue) market at public auction December 1, 1869, etc., were presented and referred to the Comptroller, with power.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor,
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 27,* 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 27, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

A communication was received from Cyrus P. Smith, Managing Director of the Union Ferry Company of Brooklyn, in response to resolution of this Commission adopted the 13th instant, in relation to renewal of lease of the ferries now under control of said company, which, on motion, was ordered on file, and the Council of the Corporation requested to confer with the counsel of the said ferry company, to prepare a lease in accordance with the terms proposed, to be submitted to this Commission for approval.

The Chamberlain, to whom was referred the application of the Committee of the Board of Education on Normal Schools for twelve lots of ground in Reservoir Square, to be assigned as a location for a Normal College, reported that it was inexpedient to grant said application, and that it would be establishing a dangerous precedent to appropriate ground set apart as public parks to other purposes than those for which they have been appropriated.

Report adopted.

The application of Henry C. Murphy, President of New York Bridge Company, for land for location of tower of bridge, was received, and, on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That John T. Agnew and Wilson G. Hunt, Esqrs., members of the Department of Docks, be designated as two suitable persons to act on behalf of the City of New York in the matter of the appraisement of the land required by the New York Bridge Company, pursuant to the proposition made this day by said company to this Board for the construction of the tower on the New York side; and that this Board do agree to submit to the appraisement made by the persons so appointed and the persons designated by the bridge company, or the umpire, if one be chosen, as provided in said proposition.

The application of Jacob Voorhis, Jr., for water grant on the East river, between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-eighth streets, was received, and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The application of Jordan Mott for water grant on the Hudson river, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fifth streets, was received and referred as above.

The application of the Trustees of Hahneman Hospital for lease of lots for location for said hospital was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The following applications were received and referred to the Comptroller, with power, viz.:

Application of Seymour Heymann for lease of basement, northwest corner of Grand and Essex streets, Essex Market; and

Application of Thomas Dunlap, Jr., for lease of cellar No. 1, Fulton Market.

A communication was received from Amasa J. Parker in relation to his purchasing the interest of the Corporation in the premises now leased to him at Jefferson Market.

The communication was ordered on file and the Clerk of this Board directed to inform Mr. Parker that the premises referred to in his communication are required for public purposes, as per Act, chapter 202 of the Legislature of 1870.

A communication was received from John L. Brown, contractor, for cleaning streets, in relation to dumping-boards, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The proposition of Henry Clews & Co. to exchange certain stocks was received, and, on motion, the proposition was declined.

The following reports were submitted by the Comptroller, viz.:

Report on application of J. H. Welsh and Richard Kelly for water grant on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Fifth streets, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

April 28, 1870.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of J. H. Welsh and Richard Kelly for grants of land under water in front of the lots owned by them, respectively, on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Fifth streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the applicants, respectively, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant or grants to be issued to James H. Welsh and Richard Kelly for the land under water on the Harlem river, to which they are entitled as owners of the lots between One Hundred and Fourth and One Hundred and Fifth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, report accepted and resolution adopted.

Report on application of Stephen Roberts and others for water grant on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

April 28, 1870.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Stephen Roberts, James H. Welsh, James M. Boyd and Henry C. Boyd for grant of land under water on the Harlem river, in front of the upland owned by them, between One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, respectfully

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report that they have examined the subject referred, and find that a grant was issued to Philip Miledoler, in 1888, and one to David Austin, Jr., in 1850, which (s) embrace portions of the land under water, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, claimed by the aforesaid (s) (see map, "Water Grants in Harlem River"):

We recommend that a grant be issued to the applicants for the land under water to which they are entitled as owners of the upland, between One Hundred and Tenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, so as not to interfere, however, with the legal rights of former grantees, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, containing the usual covenants and conditions, and the consideration for the said land under water be fixed at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure.

Resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith adopted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Stephen Roberts, James H. Welsh, James M. Boyd and Henry C. ... for the land under water on the Harlem river, to which they are entitled as owners of the upland, between One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, and as owners of the water grant issued to Philip Miledoler, in ... so as not to interfere, however, with the legal rights of former grantees, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, report accepted and resolution adopted.

Report on application of Leander Buck and David M. McMasters for water on the North river, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
March 22, 1870.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was sent the application of Leander Buck and David McMasters for grant of land under water in front of the upland owned by them on the North river, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, respectfully

report that they have considered the subject referred, and on examination find that a bulkhead has already been built between the said streets, with a pier projecting from the middle of the block, which is now used for commercial purposes. These facts are taken into consideration in recommending the consideration to be made for the grant applied for.

We recommend that the application be granted, the price paid for said land under water fixed at \$100 per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be made therefor extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller
GEO. W. McLEAN, Street Commissioner

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Leander Buck and David McMasters for land under water on the North river, in front of the upland owned by them, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at \$100 per foot front, running measure.

On motion, report accepted and resolution adopted.

The application of the President of the Institute of St. Paul the Apostle for the purchase four lots on Sixty-first street, east of Ninth avenue (purchased by the Board of Education for a location for school-house, but abandoned for a more desirable location), at the price paid for said lots, when purchased, was received and the Clerk of this Board was directed to inform the applicant that the law requires that the real estate of the Corporation be sold at public auction to the highest bidder; on motion, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Chamberlain to examine and report on the practicability and feasibility of disposing of all the unimproved real estate of the Corporation not required for public purposes, at public auction, in accordance with the ordinance creating the Sinking Fund.

The application of William D. Harris for lease of forty feet of Forty-second street, North river, was received and referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Bills.

The following bills were received and ordered paid, viz.:

Bill of Edward Boyle, for survey and map of Hamilton Square, \$1,860.

Bill of Joseph F. Daly, for professional services in preparing act creating the Wharves and Piers, attending Legislature, etc. (see bills), \$1,000.

Bill of Lovill Purdy, Jr., for drawing maps of water grants for the year 1870 (see bill), \$500.

ill of William J. Malone, for copying proceedings of the Commissioners of the
g Fund, etc., for the year 1869, as per bill (see voucher), \$500.

adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee
of Board of Aldermen.

. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 31, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 31, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The Chamberlain submitted the following advertisement for the sale of the railroad franchise in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, as authorized by Act of the Legislature, chapter 504, passed April 28, 1870, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Public Notice is hereby given by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, that pursuant to the provisions of the act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a railroad in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, and in certain other streets and avenues in the City of New York," passed April 28, 1870, they will sell at public auction, in the Governor's Room of the City Hall, in said City, on Monday, July 18, 1870, at 12 M., to the highest bidder for the same, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, operate by animal power and use a railroad with a single or double track, as hereinafter provided, and to convey passengers thereon for compensation, through, upon, and along the following streets or avenues, route or routes, in the City of New York, viz.:

Commencing on the North or Hudson river, at the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, thence through and along One Hundred and Thirtieth street, with a double track, to Manhattan street; thence through and along Manhattan street, with a double track, to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street; thence through and along One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, with a double track, to the East or Harlem river; also from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, thence through and

along the Third avenue, with a double track, to the Harlem Bridge; also from the Third avenue, thence through and along One Hundred and Thirtieth street, with a double track, to the Harlem river; also from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street at its intersection with Tenth avenue; thence northerly through and along the Tenth avenue, with a double track, to the terminus of said Tenth avenue, together with the necessary connections, turnouts and switches for the proper working and accommodation of the said railroad, on the said streets or avenues, route or routes, said road to be completed within two years from the passage of said act, except upon and along Tenth avenue, and upon and along said avenue as fast as the same shall be opened, graded and paved, from One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

Such sale will be conducted in the ordinary manner of sales at auction, and the person or corporation who shall offer to pay into the City Treasury the largest sum of money for such right, privilege or franchise shall receive from said Commissioners a certificate that he or they is or are entitled to such grant, and are authorized to construct, operate and use the same in accordance with the provisions of the said act, such certificates to be issued on the payment, within ten days, into the City Treasury of the amount of the bid and of the execution of a bond to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller of said City, conditioned that the person or corporation receiving such certificate shall, within two years, finish and complete said road and equip the same with the requisite number of cars and horses, except along Tenth avenue as aforesaid; but should he or they be restrained or prevented by any legal proceedings from completing and constructing the same, the time for which they are so restrained shall not be deemed or taken to be part of the time within which the same is to be completed. But the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are authorized and reserve the right to reject any bid, if in their judgment it is for the interest of the City that they should do so, and offer the franchise for sale again.

A copy of the act of the Legislature under which the sale is to be made can be procured at the Finance Department.

Dated New York, June 1, 1870.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
JOHN J. BRADLEY Chamberlain.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
JOHN MOORE, Chairman Finance Committee of
Board of Aldermen.
NICHOLAS HAUGHTON, Chairman Finance
Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen,
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

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The Recorder submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, Pursuant to section 99 of the Act entitled "An Act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," passed April 5, 1870, that the compensation of each of the persons forming the Head or Board of the Department of Docks shall be ten thousand dollars per annum, to commence May 1, 1870.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 20, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 20, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

A communication was received from Henry C. Murphy, President of New York Bridge Company, giving notice that John T. Martin and John Prentice, Esqrs., have been appointed, on the part of the said bridge company, to appraise the land lying to the City of New York required for the foundation (on the New York side) of the tower of the bridge, which was ordered on file and a copy to be sent to Messrs. Agnew and Hunt, appraisers on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Mayor submitted the draft of a lease, approved by the Counsel to the Corporation, of the ferries now occupied by the Union Ferry Company of Brooklyn to the said company, which, on motion, was amended to conform to previous agreement, and, as amended, was adopted, and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund resolved to execute the same.

The proposition of Henry Clews & Co. to sell to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund \$237,000 County Court-house Stock No. 2 was received and laid over for consideration.

The applications of "Mount Sinai Hospital" and "Chapin Home" for additional lots of ground, were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

A communication was received from Committee of Board of Education relation to site for Normal College, as follows, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

At a meeting of the Committee on Normal Evening and Colored Schools, held on the 3d day of June, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the resolutions passed by the Committee relative to select Reservoir Square as a site for a Normal College be rescinded.

Resolved, That the square of ground bounded by Sixty-eighth street on south, Sixty-ninth on the north, Fourth avenue on the west, and Lexington avenue on the east, be, and the same is herewith selected for a site for the further use of the Normal College, and the Committee are hereby authorized to apply to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for such site.

Extract from the proceedings of the "Committee on Normal Evening and Colored Schools."

By order of the Committee,

ISAAC BELL, Chairman.

New York, June 4, 1870.

On motion, the communication was accepted and resolution approved.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of Nelson J. Waterbury, Esq., for twenty-five hundred dollars, in full for services on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at Albany, attending the Legislature of 1870.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the application of Henry Hart and William Remsen for water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
May 16, 1870.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Henry Hart and William Remsen for a grant of land under water on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Third avenue, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that a grant be issued to the said applicants for the land under water on the Harlem river in front of the upland owned by them, between One Hundred and Thirtieth and One Hundred and Thirty-first streets, including any rights they may have acquired from John B. Coles and Isaac Adriance, as set forth in their application herewith annexed, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing

covenants and conditions, and that the consideration for said land under water be at five dollars (\$5) per foot front, running measure.

Resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith adopted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Henry Hart and William Remsen for the land under water in front of the upland owned by them on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty and One Hundred and Thirty-first streets, including any rights they may have acquired from John B. Coles and Isaac Adriance, as set forth in their application, which is herewith annexed, extending to the exterior line of the City as now defined by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at five dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

On the order of the Commissioners of Docks for the Comptroller to pay to the Treasurer of the Department of Docks the proceeds of \$250,000 "Dock Bonds," the same were disposed of, was received, and, on motion, approved.

On the application of John Paine for water grant on Hudson river, between Sixty-second and Sixty-fifth streets, was received and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

On the application of the Institution for Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, was referred to the Chamberlain, to confer with Judge Cardozo, in relation to the informal application for grant of land to the Institution for Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, in order that the institution make, through the Judge, the formal application, if necessary, specifying the area of land desired.

On the application of Herman Koehler for repayment of amount claimed to be in excess for Croton water for the year commencing May 1, 1867, presented on May 13, 1870, and denied, was, on motion, returned to the said applicant, in accordance with his request.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

J. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND

JULY 6, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office July 6, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The application of the Association for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes was received, whereupon the Mayor submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a lease be made to the " Association for the Improvement of Deaf Mutes " for the period of ninety-nine years, as leases have been made to charitable institutions by the Corporation of the City of New York at the rent of one dollar per annum, of the twelve lots inclosed in the block on Lexington avenue, west side, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, comprising Lots Nos. 65 and 66 on Sixty-seventh street, Nos. 67, 68, 69, 73 and 74 on Lexington avenue, and Nos. 75 and 76 on Sixty-eighth street, as shown on map of part of what was formerly known as Hamilton Square, surveyed and laid out by Edward Boyle, July, 1869), and that the Counsel to the Corporation be directed to prepare said lease.

The application of Isaac P. Martin for grant of land under water on the East river, near and south of One Hundred and Seventy-fifth street, was referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 19, 1870.

a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held July 19, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the (Deputy) Clerk.

The following report of the sale of the railroad franchise in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street was received, viz.:

NEW YORK, July 19, 1870.

Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith report that "the right, privilege and franchise to construct and operate a railroad in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, and in other streets and avenues in the City of New York," as authorized by Act of the Legislature, chapter 504, Law of 1870, was sold at public auction, in the Mayor's Room, City Hall, on the 18th instant, as per advertisement, and that the right, privilege and franchise was struck off to Robert Squires, at sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$67,000); the said Squires being the highest bidder for the same.

JOHN J. BRADLEY.

On motion, the report was approved.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, viz.:

Application of Shepherd Knapp for the water grant on the Hudson river, between and near One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

Application of Shepherd F. Knapp for water grant on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Fifty-seventh and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth streets.

Application of Cortlandt Palmer for confirmation of title to certain premises between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets.

On motion, laid over for consideration.

The following resolution was submitted, and, on motion, adopted, viz.

Resolved, That all claims for arrearages of ferry rents due the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York be referred to the Mayor, the Comptroller and the City Chamberlain, with full power to settle and adjust the same.

The draft of a lease of the ferry from Forty-second street, New York, to Weehawken, N. J., was submitted and referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller with power.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

_____, Deputy Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 3, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office October 3, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The following report of the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works on the application of Jacob Voorhis, Jr., for water grant on the East river, between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-eighth streets, was presented, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Jacob Voorhis, Jr., for grant of land under water on the East river, in front of upland owned by him, between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-eighth streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the consideration for the said land under water fixed at ten dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the applicant extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and maintaining the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is herewith adopted.

Dated October 1, 1870.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause to be issued to Jacob Voorhis, Jr., for land under water in front of upland of him on the East river, between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-eighth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual conditions, at ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The following communication from the Board of Education, accepting the site designated for the "Normal College," was received and ordered on the minutes (the communication on file).

Extract from report of the Clerk of the Board of Education, July 20, 1870.

"Resolved, That the square of ground bounded by Sixty-eighth street on the south, Sixty-ninth street on the north, Fourth avenue on the west, and Lexington avenue on the east, be and the same is herewith selected for a site for the use of the Normal College, and the Committee are hereby authorized to use the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for such site."

Adopted June 3, 1870.

Resolved, That the Board of Education accept the grant of land above described and that a copy of this acceptance be promptly filed with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Adopted July 20, 1870.

L. D. KIERNAN, Clerk.

The following applications were received and disposed of as follows, viz:

Application of Police Department of New York City for possession of lot now occupied as a Dispensary, in East Fifty-ninth street, adjoining the Ninth Precinct, as an addition to the station-house.

Referred to the Comptroller, with power.

Application of the Commissioner of Public Works for additional accommodations for a "Corporation Yard."

On motion, the application was granted and the lots fronting on the Twelfth avenue (Hudson river), between Gansevoort street and West Twelfth street, shown on map of Fort Gansevoort property 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72), were designated and set apart for the use of the Department of Public Works, to be used for the purposes of a "Corporation Yard."

Application of William W. Pell, for a quit-claim deed of strip of land on West Twelfth street, near Forty-second street, in front of lots owned by him.

On motion, the application was referred to the Recorder to examine and report.

Application of William P. Coolridge for water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, near Fourth avenue; and

Application of Mary G. Pinckney for water grant on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, were respectively referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Application of Mary Tone for reduction of the consideration for water grant on a creek running from Harlem river across and parallel with Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-second streets.

On motion, the application was granted, the resolution adopted March 2, 1868, regarding the compensation for said grant reconsidered and amended by substituting one dollar for five dollars, and, as amended, adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Mary Tone for land under water in front of the upland owned by her on the easterly side of the creek running from Harlem river across and parallel with the Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-first and One Hundred and Fifty-second streets, extending to the centre line of the said creek, and containing the usual covenants, at one dollar (\$1) per foot front, running measure.

On motion of the Mayor, in temporary absence of the Chamberlain, it was

Resolved, That a commission of five per cent. on the amount (\$67,000) for which a franchise of railroad in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street was disposed of at auction on the 18th of July, 1870, be allowed to John J. Bradley for his services in conducting the said sale.

A communication was received from Frederick B. Goddard in relation to negotiations for purchase of land on Ward's Island not owned by the City, between McCotter and the City authorities, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, the Recorder and the Chamberlain to consider and report.

The report of John T. Agnew and Wilson G. Hunt, Esqrs., referees on the part of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and John T. Martin and John Prentice, Esqrs., on the part of the New York Bridge Company, to appraise the land for a foundation of tower for bridge of said bridge company, on the New York side of the Harlem river, was received as follows, viz.:

Whereas, A letter dated "Office of the New York Bridge Company, Brooklyn, May 26, 1870," and subscribed by Henry C. Murphy, as President of said bridge company, was addressed and delivered to "The Hon., the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York," of which letter a copy is hereto annexed and marked A; and

Whereas, At a meeting of the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held May 27, 1870, a resolution was passed appointing the subscribers, John T. Agnew

and Wilson G. Hunt, to act on behalf of the City of New York in the matter of appraisement of the land required by the New York Bridge Company, a copy of which resolution, certified by W. H. Dikeman, Clerk, is hereto annexed and marked B; and

Whereas, A communication in writing, dated "City of New York, Department of Finance, Comptroller's Office, July 16, 1870," signed by Richard B. Condit, Comptroller, John J. Bradley, Chamberlain, and A. Oakey Hall, Mayor, of the City of New York, was addressed and delivered to the subscribers, John T. Agnew and Wilson G. Hunt, which last-mentioned communication is hereto annexed and marked C; and

Whereas, A certain other letter dated "Office of the New York Bridge Company, Fulton street corner of Front, Brooklyn, June 20, 1870," subscribed by Henry Murphy, President, was addressed and delivered to "The Hon., the Commissioner of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York," stating that the subscribers, John T. Martin and John Prentice, had been appointed on the part of said company to act in conjunction with Messrs. Agnew and Hunt, so appointed by the City of New York, in appraising the land above mentioned, a copy of which last-mentioned letter, certified by W. H. Dikeman, Clerk, is hereto annexed and marked D; and

Whereas, We the subscribers, in pursuance of the premises, have proceeded to make appraisement of the land and premises mentioned and referred to in the several papers hereto annexed and respectively marked A, B, C and D, as aforesaid;

Now, we, the subscribers, do hereby certify that we appraise and value the land and premises designated on the "Map of water front of the New York shore of the East river required by the New York Bridge Company for the foundation of the New York tower," hereto annexed, by the color red, at the sum and amount of one hundred and four thousand dollars, which land and premises so colored and designated on said map by the letters C and D, and one hundred and fifty feet in width on the northerly end thereof on South street, between the points designated on said map by the letters C and D, and one hundred and fifty feet in width on the opposite or southerly end thereof, between the points designated on said map by the letters A and B, and is four hundred and fifty feet and six inches in depth on the southerly side thereof, between the points designated on said map by the letters B and C.

And we further certify that we have also made appraisement of the land and premises laid down on said map and designated thereon by the colors red and yellow, and which taken together as a whole are one hundred and fifty-five feet in width on the northerly end thereof on South street, and one hundred and fifty feet in width on the opposite or southerly end thereof, and are four hundred and fifty-seven feet and six inches in depth on the westerly side thereof, which land and premises, so taken together, are included within the lines from A to B, from B to C, from C to E and from E to A, as laid down on said map, and that we appraise and value the said last-mentioned land and premises so taken together as aforesaid at the sum and amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names this twenty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

JNO. T. AGNEW.
WILSON G. HUNT.
JOHN PRENTICE.
JOHN T. MARTIN.

Whereas, The subscribers have, at the request of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York and of the New York Bridge Company, raised certain land and premises required for the construction of the tower of said bridge company on the New York side of the East river, at the sum of one hundred and four thousand dollars, for a part of the land and premises mentioned in said certificate of appraisement, and at the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the whole of the said lands and premises mentioned in said certificate, and said certificate bears date the twenty-first day of July, 1870; and

Whereas, Part of said land and premises is now occupied and held by the Williamsburg Ferry Company, known as the Roosevelt Street Ferry, under a lease from said ferry company by the City of New York.

Now we hereby further certify and declare that in making said assessment and taxation we have assumed that proceedings will be had and taken, if need be, in the Supreme Court, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, for obtaining possession of and perfecting title to said land and premises, or any part thereof, for said bridge company, and that all costs and expenses, charges and assessments incurred in obtaining such possession and perfecting such title will be borne by the City of New York.

In Witness Whereof we hereunto subscribe our names this twenty-first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

JNO. T. AGNEW.
WILSON G. HUNT.
JOHN PRENTICE.
JOHN T. MARTIN.

On motion, the report was adopted, the accompanying documents filed, and the assessment submitted therewith approved and ordered to be executed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That John T. Agnew and Wilson G. Hunt, Esq., be and they hereby are appointed the agents of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to negotiate with Mr. Law for the extinguishment of his title to the premises (or any part of same) referred to in the above-mentioned report, as a location of the tower for the use of the New York Bridge Company on the New York side of the East river.

Sundry bills for advertising railroad franchise in One Hundred and Twenty-second street were presented and referred to the Comptroller, with power.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.
JAS. G. DIAMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 12, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office October 12, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The following report of the Mayor and the Recorder on the petition "Five Points House of Industry," for a release of the alley called "Mission Place," was received, viz.:

NEW YORK, July 10,

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The undersigned, appointed a committee by your Board to consider and report upon the annexed petition of the "Five Points House of Industry," for a release of the City of all its rights and interest in and to a street in said City, known and distinguished upon the official map of the said City as "Mission Place," respectively

Report that, in their judgment, the prayer of said petition should be denied for the following reasons:

First—That the said James Ridgway dedicated said street to the public use, which was accepted as a public street, recognized as such, and has been so used and occupied for a period of upward of forty years.

Second—That the Commissioners have no power to order said street closed or to convert it back into property, nor has the Municipal Corporation of the City. The Commissioners are officers and have no interest in said "Mission Place" other than to regulate the right to its use as a public street.

The Legislative power of the State must be invoked to afford the relief requested.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder,
A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Comptroller submitted for the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the applications of "Mount Sinai Hospital" and the "Chapin Home" for additional lots, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the leases heretofore given to the Trustees of "Mount Sinai Hospital" and the "Chapin Home," respectively, be, with the consent of the said respective trustees, annulled, and that in answer to their respective applications for additional ground new grants are hereby respectively authorized to be given and leases authorized to be issued as follows:

To the "Mount Sinai Hospital" the full front of the block on the east side of Lexington avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, be the same more or less by one hundred and seventy (170) feet on Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, respectively, and to the "Chapin Home" all those several parts and pieces of land lying between the aforesaid bounded plot up to respective points on Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, distant eighty (80) feet from the Third avenue.

The Comptroller also submitted the application of the "Trustees of Hahneman Hospital" and the "Ladies' Home Society of the Baptist Churches in the City of New York" for lots for locations for said hospital and home, respectively, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, First, That a lease be made to the "Trustees of the Hahneman Hospital" for the period of ninety-nine years, as leases have heretofore been made to charitable institutions by the Corporation of the City of New York, at the rent of one dollar per annum, of the ten lots on the easterly side of Fourth avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, Nos. 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86, as shown on the map of property belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, forming part of a square formerly known as Hamilton Square, made by Edward Boyle, City Surveyor, July 1, 1869, the said lease to be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, under the direction of the Comptroller, and to be submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval, and to contain such terms and conditions as such leases heretofore made to the City authorities to charitable institutions contain.

Resolved, Second, That a lease be made to the "Ladies' Home Society of the Baptist Churches in the City of New York" for the period of ninety-nine years, as leases have heretofore been made to charitable institutions by the Corporation of the City of New York, at the rent of one dollar per annum, of the ten lots in the block bounded by Fourth and Lexington avenues, and Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, Nos. 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81, as shown on the map of property belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, forming part of a square formerly known as Hamilton Square, made by Edward Boyle, City Surveyor, July 1, 1869, the lease to be prepared by the Counsel

to the Corporation, under the direction of the Comptroller, and to be submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval, and to contain such conditions as such leases heretofore made by the City authorities to such institutions contain.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to prepare and submit to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at their next meeting, a list of all the lands owned by the City of New York and not required for public purposes, and to a disposal of the same at public auction, as provided by law.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That John McKeon, Esq., be employed as standing counsel for the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at annual fees not exceeding five hundred dollars, except otherwise specifically ordered, and that a retainer of one hundred dollars be forthwith drawn to his order on this account.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 12, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 12, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Recorder, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, viz.:

Application of J. L. Brown, Jr., for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundredth and One Hundred and First streets.

Application of John Reilly for release of land between high and low water mark, river, corner of Columbia and Warren streets, Brooklyn.

The Comptroller, in pursuance of a resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted October 12, 1870, submitted a list of the real estate owned by the City and not required for public purposes, which, on motion, was accepted, and providing that portion under lease with covenants of renewal and also that portion not renewed for a period beyond May 1, 1872) it was ordered that the said real estate be sold at public auction, as provided by law, on a day hereafter to be fixed, and the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to make the necessary arrangements for said sale.

The petition of the New York Caledonian Club for a renewal, for twenty-one years or longer, of the lease of premises No. 118 Sullivan street, was received, and, on motion, laid on the table.

The application of Cortland Palmer for a confirmatory grant of premises now owned by him, being a portion of a water grant on the North river, at Thirty-fourth street, originally made to Freeman Campbell, laid over for consideration July 19,

1870, was taken up for consideration, and, on motion, the application was to the Counsel to the Corporation, and, in case the statements set forth application are found to be correct, to issue a confirmatory grant as applied for by Mr. Palmer.

The draft of a lease to the "Foundling Hospital of the Sisters of Charity of the City of New York," in accordance with resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted March 19, 1870, was submitted, and, on motion, approved; and it was ordered that the same be executed.

The draft of a lease to the "Ladies' Home Society of the Baptist Church of the City of New York" of ten lots in the block of ground bounded by Forty Lexington avenues, and Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, in accordance with resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted October 12, 1870, was submitted, and, on motion, approved; and it was ordered that the same be executed.

The following preamble and resolution in relation to location for a Normal School was submitted and adopted, viz.:

Whereas, Due inquiry results in satisfying this Board that the expense of erecting a Normal College will be too heavy, the minimum estimate being half a million dollars and the maximum one million; therefore

Resolved, That the proposition approved June 20, 1870, to lease to the Board of Education the block of ground bounded by Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth streets and Fourth and Lexington avenues, as a site for the Normal College, be reconsidered, and, on reconsideration, rescinded and annulled; and that the secretary notify the Board of Education hereof.

The report of the Counsel to the Corporation on the application of John Keenan in relation to lots purchased at the auction sale May, 1866 (see proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund September 30, 1867), was received, and, on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to cause a conveyance to be prepared and executed by and on behalf of the Corporation to John Keenan of five certain lots known as Nos. 61, 62, 64, 65 and 66, Plot I, sold at said sale upon the said Keenan paying therefor the balance of the purchase money of said lots at a sale of the property of the corporation in 1866, less the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600), which is deducted by reason of the inability of the Corporation to convey the whole of Lot No. 62, sold to said Keenan at said sale, and that the conveyance be dated as of May 1, 1870.

The Comptroller reported on the application of the Police Department for possession of premises now occupied as a dispensary in East Fifty-ninth

ing the Nineteenth Precinct Station, that the said premises, by resolution of Common Council, were granted to the dispensary during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The report was accepted and the application placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to be submitted to the Common Council for their consideration and action.

A communication was received from Wetmore & Brown in relation to land lying on Broadway, north of and near Forty-second street, belonging to Henry A. A. A., a portion of which is to be taken for the widening of Broadway, etc., which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to report the facts in the case.

The following resolution was submitted by the Comptroller, viz.:

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid to John Mullaly the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for services as messenger to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the year 1870.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

JAS. G. DIAMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND

DECEMBER 14, 1870.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 14, 1870.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

A communication from the Department of Docks in relation "to the lease of Piers Nos. 53 and 54, East river and bulkhead between," the eastern half of Pier No. 53 and western half of Pier No. 54 and the bulkhead between them, made by lease to the Navy Yard Ferry Company, was received and considered, and on motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Navy Yard Ferry Company has not occupied the ship and wharf at the foot of Jackson street, East river, or run a ferry from such place to Brooklyn, for the last eight months, and has abandoned the use of the east half of Pier No. 53 and of the west half of Pier No. 54, East river, for ferry purposes, thereby violating the lease made to such company by the Mayor, Aldermen and Comptroller of the City of New York, dated April 30, 1869; therefore be it

Resolved, That the lease entered into by the Mayor, Aldermen and Comptroller of the City of New York with the Navy Yard Ferry Company, dated April 30, 1869, and demising the ferry established from Jackson street, East river, in the City of New York, to Hudson avenue, in the City of Brooklyn, for the term of years from the 1st day of May, 1868, is hereby declared for the non-user aforesaid, according to the terms of the lease, abrogated, rescinded and annulled, and for the reason that the Navy Yard Ferry Company have neglected to run such ferry for the past eight months, and have abandoned the use of Piers Nos. 53 and 54, East river, for ferry purposes.

The following communication was received from the Department of Docks, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS. }
November 18, 1870.

to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—You are respectfully requested to direct the Comptroller of the City of New York to prepare and issue "Dock Bonds of the City of New York" to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks.

JNO. T. AGNEW, President.
RICH'D M. HENRY.
HENRY A. SMITH.
WILLIAM WOOD.

J. GRENVILLE KANE, Secretary.

In accordance with the foregoing, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue, on sealed proposals, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars Dock Bonds of the City of New York, to be redeemable on the 1st day of November, 1901, to bear interest at seven per cent. per annum, as authorized by section 42 of chapter 383, of the Laws of 1870. Proposals to be advertised once in not more than four morning and evening papers.

A communication was received from the Department of Docks embracing the following preamble and resolution, viz.:

Whereas, By the report of the Auditing Committee, made on 20th October, it appears that there was on 30th September, 1870, an uncollected balance of rents from the City of New York amounting to sixty-two thousand three hundred and seventy-three dollars and eighty-five cents, and of that sum fifty thousand six hundred and twenty-two dollars and fifty cents consisted of two disputed items, the one owing by Henry Smith, for rent of Pier No. 40, foot of Watts street, North river, and the other by J. G. Haviland, Esq., for rent of Piers Nos. 53 and 54, North river, both in course of settlement by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary address a communication to the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, asking them to furnish this Department with a statement of the present position as to adjustment of each of these disputed items."

In response it was ordered that the Clerk of this Board inform the Commissioners of Docks that the said accounts of Henry Smith and J. G. Haviland are in the hands of the Counsel to the Corporation for settlement.

The report of Messrs. Agnew and Hunt, agents of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to negotiate for the extinguishment of the title of Mr. Law to the

premises designated as a site for the tower of the bridge of the New York Bridge Company, on the New York side of the East river, was received, and, a motion, was, on motion, referred back for further consideration in consequence of change of boundary in front.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund not being able, on account of the existence of a lease to the Williamsburgh Ferry Company, to convey by agreement and by deed, to the New York Bridge Company, the premises designated for the tower of the bridge of said company, on the New York side of the East river, on or before the 15th day of December, 1870, notice was given to the President of the New York Bridge Company, as required by the agreement entered into between the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and aforesaid bridge company, dated July 21, 1870, and accepted by him as due and sufficient notification of the inability of the said Commissioners to give the deed of the premises designated as a site for the aforesaid tower in the aforesaid agreement.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be allowed and paid to W. H. Dikeman, Clerk of this Board, for extra services during the year 1870.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.
JAS. G. DIAMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 9, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's
January 9, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

On motion of the Chamberlain, the Mayor was appointed Chairman for the ensuing

On motion, W. H. Dikeman was appointed Clerk for the ensuing year, salary same
as last year.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, viz.:

Application of Allan Hay for water grant on the Hudson river, between Seventy-fifth and Seventy-eighth streets.

Application of Manhattan Iron Company for water grant on Hudson river, between One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Forty-sixth streets.

Application of the Union India Rubber Company for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-first and One Hundred and Thirty-second streets.

Application of Cornelia F. Waterhouse for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Ninety-fifth and One Hundred and Ninety-eighth streets.

Application of Joshua H. Bates for water grant on Harlem river, Fourth avenue between One Hundred and Thirty-third street.

The following reports were received, viz.:

Report on application of J. L. Brown, Jr., for water grant on Harlem river One Hundredth and One Hundred and First streets, as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
December 22, 1870.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of J. L. Brown, Jr., for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by him on Harlem river, between One Hundredth and One Hundred and First streets, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at five dollars (\$5) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the applicant, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and subject to the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to J. L. Brown, Jr., for land under water on the Harlem river, in front of upland owned by him, between One Hundredth and One Hundred and First streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at five dollars (\$5) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the accompanying resolution adopted.

Report on the application of the United States Iron Works for water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Eighteenth street.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
December 29, 1870.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller and the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the application of the "The United States Iron Works" for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by said United States Iron Works on the north side of One Hundred and Eighteenth street, Harlem river, respectfully

Report that they have considered the subject referred, and find the company has erected a large foundry, occupying a portion of the land applied for, which is to be considered in fixing the consideration for said grant.

We recommend that the application be granted, the price for said land under water at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued for to the said "United States Iron Works," extending to the exterior line of city as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant issued to "The United States Iron Works" for land under water in front of upland owned by said "United States Iron Works" on the Harlem river, on the side of One Hundred and Eighteenth street, extending to the exterior line of the as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars (\$10) per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the accompanying resolution adopted.

The supplemental report of Messrs. Agnew and Hunt, agents of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to negotiate with Mr. Law for the extinguishment of his title to premises designated as a site for the tower of the bridge of the New York Bridge Company, on the New York side, was received and, on motion, laid on the table.

On motion, the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at the last meeting (November 14, 1870) in relation to giving notice to the President of the New York Bridge Company of their inability to convey by good title and by deed the premises designated as site for the tower of the bridge of said company on the New York side, was considered and laid on the table.

The subject of arranging for an adjustment of the difficulties in regard to the conveyance of the aforesaid premises to the said Bridge Company by good title and by deed being under consideration by the Commissioners, a resolution (prepared by the Hon. H. C. Murphy, President of the aforesaid company) was submitted, and, after discussion, its further consideration was laid over to a future meeting.

Adjourned to Saturday next (14th instant), at 12 o'clock M.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 14, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office January 14, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The bill of Frederick Smythe, Esq., for salary as attorney and counsel to the Commissioners of Excise for the quarter due January 1, 1871, at \$5,000 per annum amounting to \$1,250, was received and ordered paid.

Adjourned to Saturday next at 12 o'clock M.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 21, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's
January 21, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chair-
of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The petition of F. S. Kinney to be relieved of the purchase of house and lot No. 128
Broadway at sale at auction in April, 1867, on account of defect in title, and to
the ten per cent. (\$1,200) paid on account at the time of sale refunded, was
voted, and, on motion, the petition was granted.

On motion, adjourned to Saturday next at 12 o'clock M.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 28, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office January 28, 1871.

Present—The Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

In the absence of the Mayor, on motion, the Chamberlain was chosen *man pro tem*.

The resolution submitted January 9, 1871, and laid over for consideration, was taken up for action; when, on motion, the same was amended and adopted as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the City will convey to the New York Bridge Company the right to be taken for the tower of their bridge on the New York side, as shown on the plan exhibited for that purpose, and embracing a front of one hundred and ninety feet on South street, for the sum of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000), the said Company paying all damages, including the damages to the lessees of the Roosevelt Street Ferry for the relinquishment of their ferry, and also the damages of Mr. J. L. B. for the contractor for cleaning the streets, for relinquishing his dumping ground at Pier 11, which the City is to give to the said ferry lessees for rebuilding their ferry, and the lessees to have a lease for the unexpired term of their present lease at the same rate.

Adjourned.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 31, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office January 31, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The following resolution was submitted and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to execute satisfaction on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York of the mortgage made by Joseph B. Varnum upon the premises known as the Fort Gansevoort property, the lien of such mortgage having become merged in the fee by the deed of sale of such premises to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York by James B. Taylor in 1863.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz.:

1. Resolved, That the market property belonging to the City of New York, excepting the Eighteenth Ward Market, be included in the sale of real estate to be made by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to have the necessary surveys and maps of such property made by a City Surveyor.

2. Resolved, That William F. Havemeyer, John Ewen and Peter Cooper be appointed on the part of the City of New York to appraise and adjust the rights of the holders of the stalls in the markets and to fix the amount of compensation to be paid to such holders.

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The report of the committee on the communication of F. B. Goddard in the purchase of land on Ward's Island by the City was received and, after laid on the table.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptrol

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Fin

mittee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 4, 1871.

at a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's
February 4, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the
Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion,
unanimously adopted, viz.:

Whereas, It appears by the report of the Commissioners for the widening of Broad-
way from Thirty-fourth street to Fifty-ninth street, that the Mayor, Aldermen and
Commonalty will be assessed, first, upon Central Park one million six hundred thousand
dollars, or thereabouts, and, second, upon the City at large about four million; and

Whereas, Said assessment is nearly equal to the whole sum paid for originally
widening the Central Park, and is onerous on the taxpayers; therefore

Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty be requested to take and
execute all legal measures to set aside or vacate or repeal said proceedings for said
widening.

An agreement between the City of New York, the New York Bridge Company,
the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company and John L. Brown, contractor to clean
the streets of the City of New York, was submitted and, on motion, laid over for
consideration.

The Mayor also submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion,
unanimously adopted, viz.:

Whereas, Controversy has arisen touching the manner of selling market property;
and therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hold an open session on the afternoon of Thursday, February 9, at 2 P. M., in the Supervisors' Chamber, all parties having practical views or suggestions concerning the best mode of said sale so as to guard the best interests of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, as well as of persons claiming to hold vested rights in market property, be present for hearing.

The application of the managers of the New York Lying-in Asylum for a location for new building for the institution was received and, on motion, placed on the order of the day. The Secretary to inform the managers of the said asylum that there are no lots for the purpose specified at the disposal of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 9, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held in the Supervisors' Chamber February 9, 1871, pursuant to and for the purposes stated in the resolution passed at the last meeting.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

W. F. Havemeyer and John Ewen (appointed on the part of the City to appraise and estimate the rights of the holders of stalls in the markets, etc.) were present by invitation of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

At the hour designated the Mayor took the Chair and stated the object of the meeting and some of the reasons for the sale of the market property, and invited an expression of the views of those present as to the time when and the manner in which the said property should be disposed of so as best to protect both public and private interests; whereupon views were expressed and the meeting adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND

FEBRUARY 11, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Co
Office February 11, 1871.

Présent—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairm
Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The agreement submitted at the meeting held on the 4th instant, betwee
of New York, the New York Bridge Company, New York and Brooklyn F
pany and John L. Brown, contractor, to clean the streets of the City of New
taken up and amended, and, as amended, on motion, adopted (see copy on fil
was ordered that the requisite number of copies be prepared and executed.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptro
JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Fin
mittee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 18, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's office February 18, 1871.

Present—The Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The Comptroller submitted the report on the application of Jonathan W. Allen for grants on the East river, between First and Third avenues and One Hundred Seventh and One Hundred and Ninth streets, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE. }

the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Jonathan Allen for grants for three parcels of land under water between the First and Third avenues and One Hundred and Seventh and One Hundred and Ninth streets, as shown on the annexed map or diagram, colored yellow, respectfully

Report that they have examined the said application, and find that the premises referred to are land under water, being part of the bed of a creek or watercourse extending from the East river to the Third avenue. Mr. Allen, having become vested with the title of the riparian owner, is entitled to a release from the City of its rights in the premises; we therefore recommend that a grant or quit-claim deed be issued to the said applicant for said parcels of land under water at the following prices, viz.: \$60 for the first parcel, \$350 for the second and \$100 for the third.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause quit-claim deeds to be issued to Jonathan W. Allen for the three parcels of land water as shown on the annexed map, colored yellow, containing the usual covenants and conditions, at sixty dollars for the first parcel, three hundred and fifty dollars for the second and one hundred dollars for the third.

On motion, the report was accepted and the accompanying resolution adopted.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the slip at the foot of Gouverneur street, East river, together with the one-half of each pier on either side thereof, be and the same are hereby dedicated and appropriated to the use of the street cleaning contractor, and the Department of Docks is requested to have the necessary fixtures and dumping boards prepared and erected for such use at their earliest convenience.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be transmitted to the Department of Docks for their favorable action.

The application of the New York and New Haven Railroad Company for a lease of premises now occupied by said company as a freight depot on Centre street was received; whereupon Benjamin P. Fairchild, Esq., was appointed appraiser in part of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund (City) to fix the rent for the same of lease.

A communication was received from Peter Cooper, Esq., tendering his resignation as one of the appraisers to appraise and adjust the rights of the holders of stock in the markets to be sold at auction.

On motion, his resignation was accepted and communication filed.

Adjourned.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 11, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held March 11, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the resolution and action of this Commission heretofore had in view of taking initiatory steps toward disposing of the public markets is understood and intended by this Commission to thereby enable the City authorities to withdraw from the market business, but in so doing to dispose of the markets, without favoritism, to those who would continue to use the property for market purposes, and for the equitable protection of all persons who are exclusively or incidentally engaged at present in business in any of or adjacent to any of the existing markets.

Resolved, Also, That William F. Havemeyer, John Ewen and Royal Phelps be requested to make, at an early date, and so report to this Commission, an appraisal of the value of all the market property of the City, and what would be a fair annual interest to receive for the same.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 27, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the request of the Commissioners of Docks April 27, 1871, for the purpose of examining the plans, drawings, estimates, etc., for the improvement of the water front and harbor of the City, determined upon by the said Commissioners of Docks, and submitted for their consideration and confirmation of this Board.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Counsel to the Corporation and Counsel to the Commissioners of Docks (Recorder unable to attend on account of sickness).

John T. Agnew, Esq., President of the Commissioners of Docks, briefly stated the object for which the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund were requested to examine the submitted sundry plans, drawings, estimates, etc., for the improvement of the water front and harbor of the City, prepared under the direction of Gen. George B. Meade, Engineer in Chief, and determined upon by the said Commissioners of Docks, and the examination of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Engineer in Chief, Gen. McClellan, read a report prepared by him previously submitted to the Commissioners of Docks, explaining the character of the water front of the City and the general hydrography of New York Harbor, and making comparisons with Liverpool and London, and showed that the system of docks which had been adopted for those places was not suited to the case of New York. His report further pointed out that the requirements of commerce would be best satisfied by making a wide river street, bounded by a permanent river wall, from which the docks should be placed at suitable intervals (the report was highly commended and approved at the present).

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund then proceeded to examine the following plans or plans, viz.:

Sheet A is a general map showing the lines of the proposed river street, from Broadway-first street, North river, to Grand street, East river, scale 1-10,000.

Sheet C (four in number) shows the position and dimensions of proposed piers slips and the river street, from the Battery to Grand street, East river, 50 to 1 inch.

Sheet D (seven in number) shows the position and dimensions of proposed piers slips and the river street, from the Battery to Sixty-first street, North river, on a scale of 50 feet to 1 inch.

After due examination of the aforesaid sheets, it was, on motion of the Comptroller, Resolved, That the maps comprising Sheets A, C and D, as designated above, be the same are hereby adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The following was adopted as the certificate to be written on such plan or plans may be adopted by this Board, viz.:

"We, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York, hereby certify that the annexed plan for improving the water front and harbor of the City of New York, determined upon and transmitted to us by the Board of the Department of Docks of said City, was this day adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said City under and pursuant to the provisions of section 6 of chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871.

"That the territory or district covered and controlled by said plan is as follows, viz."

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND

MAY 1, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Co
Office May 1, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairm
Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The following reports were submitted, viz.:

Report on the application of Agnes Auld for water grant on Harlem riv
One Hundred and Thirty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth streets,
viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OF
April 27, 187

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application
Auld for grant of six lots of land under water on Harlem river, west side
avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-fourth and One Hundred and
streets, respectfully

Report, That they have examined the subject referred, and find that Cha
Hall was the original owner of the upland fronting on the Harlem river from
dred and Thirtieth to One Hundred and Fortieth street. That portions of th
land, including the six lots in question, together with his rights in and to the
water, were sold during his life time.

We recommend that a grant or quit-claim deed of the aforesaid six
west side of Fourth avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-fourth and On
and Thirty-fifth streets, be issued to Agnes Auld, containing the usual cov
conditions (so far as the same are applicable to this case), and the price fi
dollar per foot front, running measure, upon her submitting satisfactory ev
she is entitled to the same to the Counsel to the Corporation.

[MAY 1, 1871.]

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is herewith submitted.

(Signed) RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant quit-claim deed to be issued to Agnes Auld for six lots of land under water on Harlem river, west side of Fourth avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth streets, containing the usual covenants and conditions (so far as the same are applicable to this case), at one dollar per foot front, running measure, upon her submitting satisfactory evidence to the Counsel to the Corporation that she is entitled to the said grant.

On motion, report accepted and resolution adopted.

Report on application of Thomas Smith for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth streets, as follows, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
April 27, 1871.

the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Thomas Smith for grant of eleven lots of land under water on the Harlem river, north side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, respectfully

Report, That they have considered the subject referred, and find that Charles Henry Smith was the original owner of the upland fronting on the Harlem river from One Hundred and Thirtieth to One Hundred and Fortieth street; that portions of the aforesaid land, together with his rights in and to the land under water, including the eleven lots in question, were sold during his life time.

We recommend that a grant or quit-claim deed of the aforesaid eleven lots on the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, ninety feet west of Fourth avenue, shown on the annexed diagram, be issued to Thomas Smith, containing the usual covenants and conditions (so far as the same are applicable to this case), and the price fixed at one dollar per foot front, running measure, upon his submitting satisfactory evidence to the Counsel to the Corporation that he is entitled to said grant.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is herewith submitted.

(Signed) RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant or quit-claim deed to be issued to Thomas Smith, or his assigns, for eleven lots of land

under water on the Harlem river, north side of One Hundred and Thirty-four and thirty-five feet west of Fourth avenue, containing the usual covenants and conditions (as the same are applicable to this case), at one dollar per foot front, running upon his submitting satisfactory evidence to the Counsel to the Corporation entitled to the said grant.

On motion, report accepted and resolution adopted.

Report on application of Joseph H. Godwin and George H. Peck for water on Hudson river, between Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets, as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
March 4, 1871.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Joseph H. Godwin and George H. Peck for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by them on the Hudson river, between Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets, respectfully

Report, That they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at fifty dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the said Godwin and Peck, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved; That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Joseph H. Godwin and George H. Peck for land under water on the Hudson river, in front of upland owned by them, between Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at fifty dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, report accepted and resolution adopted.

The petition of the Northeastern Dispensary for a lease of the premises now occupied by said dispensary, Fifty-ninth street, between Second and Third avenues, was read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

The report of B. P. Fairchild and Abraham J. Felton, appraisers to fix the value of the building upon the premises No. 81 Chatham street, in pursuance of the

es Witherspoon, was received, with certificate of B. P. Fairchild and Abraham J. on, said appraisers, that they had designated such value at \$3,500.

On motion, report accepted and adopted.

The report of B. P. Fairchild and Nathaniel Jarvis, Jr., appraisers to fix the value building upon premises No. 57 Chatham street, in pursuance of the lease with William oney, was received, with certificate of B. P. Fairchild and Nathaniel Jarvis, Jr., said raisers, that they had designated such value at \$2,000.

On motion, report accepted and adopted.

Communication from Committee of Farmers of Long Island in relation to accommodation for farmers and market gardeners for the sale of their products from wagons, was received, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Application of Joseph W. Duryee for reduction of consideration fixed for water grant the Hudson river, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, January 21, 1868, was ived, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Communication from Henry C. Murphy in relation to arrears of taxes on property ed to Union Ferry Company, Brooklyn.

Laid over for consideration.

The following resolution was submitted, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That Messrs. Anthony I. Bleecker, Adrian H. Muller and Courtlandt mer be appointed a committee on behalf of this Board to ascertain and determine value of all the real estate belonging to the City and County of New York, and that Clerk be directed to notify them of such appointment, and the Comptroller first mak-satisfactory arrangements with them as to their fees.

Application of James Redmond to be released from purchase of Lot No. 18 Renwick et, and to have amount paid on account refunded, was received, and, on motion, laid he table.

Application of Terence Farley to close purchases of real estate of the Corporation de in 1866 and 1867, without payment of taxes, assessments or interest, was received, on motion, referred to Chamberlain to examine and report.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.
JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND

MAY 11, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 11, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen.

The following reports on application for water grants were submitted, viz.:

The report on the application of William A. Hadden for grant of land under water on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets, as follows, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, April 27, 1871.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of William A. Hadden for grant of land under water in front of upland owned by him on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets, respectfully

Report, That they have considered the subject referred, and find that a grant of land under water on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Eighth and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets, was issued to David Austin, Jr., July 1, 1850, "edge of meadow or extreme high-water mark," extending to "ordinary high-water mark." The application of Mr. Hadden is for an extension of that portion of said grant which is included between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets to the present exterior line; and we recommend that the application be granted at the price for said land under water fixed at \$10 per foot front, running means, that a grant be issued therefor, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now required by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

[MAY 11, 1871.]

resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

(Signed) RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be made to W. A. Hadden for land under water on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets, extending from the front of the grant to David Austin, Jr., issued July 1, 1850, to the present exterior line of the river, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

The report on the application of Peter Cooper for grant of land under water on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, as follows, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
April 29, 1871.

to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Peter Cooper for grant of land under water, in front of upland owned by him, on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, respectfully

report, That they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the grant be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at \$20 per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the said applicant, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

Resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

(Signed) RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be made to Peter Cooper for land under water on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets, in front of the upland owned by him, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at twenty dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

The report on the application of George D. Post, for grant of land under the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Ninth streets, as follows, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
April 29, 1871

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of George D. Post for grant of land under water on the Hudson river, in front of the upland owned by him, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Ninth streets, respectfully

Report, That they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at fifteen dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor, to George D. Post, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and subject to the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is hereby submitted.

(Signed) RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to George D. Post, for land under water on the Hudson river, in front of the upland owned by him, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Ninth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and subject to the usual covenants and conditions, at fifteen (15) dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Whereas, In the action heretofore taken by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund relative to the market property of the City provision was made by which, in the sale of such property, equitable indemnity should be made to the holders of market privileges in such markets, and Messrs W. F. Havemeyer, John Ewen and Phelps were appointed to ascertain and report the amount which should be paid therefor; and

Whereas, It has transpired since the subject has been under consideration that persons interested in the business of the markets oppose the unconditional sale of such property, claiming that the summary removal of the business would result in great pecuniary loss and inconvenience to those engaged in the markets, and

litigation, but would also produce serious public injury. And the Legislature at its late session has passed measures providing for the incorporation of those engaged in the market business, with all the powers and privileges, enabling them to purchase or lease market property, and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are duly authorized to make such leases or sales; therefore,

Resolved, That sealed bids or proposals, to be received by the Comptroller on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund until June 15, 1871, to sell the several markets of the City, subject to the equitable claims of the stall holders therein, one-third of the purchase money to remain on bond and mortgage at seven per cent. (with a stipulation that the market property shall be retained for market purposes for the period of ten years as required by law), and that at the expiration of said June 15, 1871, the bids received be referred to Messrs. Havemeyer, Ewen and Phelps, for their examination and report as to the sufficiency of the bids and the expediency of accepting the same;

Resolved, That the measures necessary for carrying out the provisions of the above resolution be referred to the Comptroller, with power.

On motion, the above resolution was adopted.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, viz.:

The application of Arnold & Candee for a grant of land under water on the Harlem river, between Ninety-first and Ninety-second streets.

The application of Thomas Crane for a grant of land under water on the Harlem river, between Ninety-ninth and One Hundredth streets.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.
 RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
 JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.
 JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND

MAY 18, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 18, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The following reports were submitted, viz.:

The report on the application of Shepherd Knapp for grant of land under water, north of and near One Hundred and Sixty-first street, as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 16, 1870.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Shepherd Knapp for grant of land under water, in front of upland owned by him, on the north side of the Hudson river, north of and near One Hundred and Sixty-first street, respectfully

Report, That they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at five dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the applicant, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now fixed by law, and subject to the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is hereby submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

[MAY 18, 1871.]

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Shepherd Knapp for land under water, on the Hudson river, in front of land owned by him, north of and near One Hundred and Sixty-first street, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at five dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

The report on the application of Shepherd F. Knapp for grant of land under water, on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Fifty-seventh and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth streets, as follows, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 16, 1870. }

to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Shepherd Knapp for grant of land under water, in front of upland owned by him, on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Fifty-seventh and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth streets, respectfully

Report, That they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the grant be granted, the consideration for said land, under water fixed at five (5) dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the said Knapp, extending to the exterior line of the City as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Shepherd F. Knapp for land under water, on the Hudson river, in front of land owned by him, between One Hundred and Fifty-seventh and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at five dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

The Chamberlain submitted the resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That twenty-five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated as the compensation of Aaron J. Vanderpoel, employed heretofore by resolution of this Board, to represent the interests of the City in the matter of reopening the proceedings at law in relation to the widening of Broadway.

The bill of "Sunday Democrat" for advertising sale of railroad franchise at the corner of Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, July 18, 1870, for \$90, was received, and, ordered paid.

The application of Jacob Peiser to lease premises No. 81 Chatham street was refused.
Application denied.

The Recorder submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, Bradish Johnson, on or about the 22d October, 1867, became purchaser of certain lots and portions of real estate belonging to the City, known as Gansevoort property, and paid thereon, as ten per cent. of the purchase money, the sum of nine thousand and twenty-five dollars; and

Whereas, also, The said Johnson has applied to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to be released from said purchase, and the return to him of the said sum of nine thousand and twenty-five dollars, together with interest thereon from the date of payment; now be it

Resolved, That the sale be canceled, and that upon the said Johnson the return of all rights, title and interest in and to said purchase to the City be made, and the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to return to said Johnson the said amount of nine thousand and twenty-five dollars, without interest thereon.

The following communication from the Commissioners of Docks was received:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS

May 4, 1871

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—You are respectfully requested to direct the Comptroller of the City of New York to prepare and issue "Dock Bonds of the City of New York," to the amount of one million of dollars (\$1,000,000) for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks.

JOHN T. AGNEW,
WILSON G. HUNTER,
RICHARD M. HENRY,
HENRY A. SMITH,
WILLIAM WOOLBACH.

J. GRENVILLE KANE, Secretary.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized and directed to prepare and issue the bonds as requested by the Commissioners of Docks in the above communication.

The Comptroller submitted two letters addressed to A. Belmont & Co. in relation to
ain stocks of the City and County of New York, authorized to be issued by the Legis-
re of this State (see letters on file), when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund agree with the Comptroller
he statements of the aforesaid letters, and concur in his sending copies of the same
he said firm of A. Belmont & Co.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 5, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held June 5, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The opinion of Counsel to the Corporation as to the liability of premises street, Brooklyn, leased to Union Ferry Company, to tax, was received and on file.

Application of Cornelius S. Bushnell for grant of land under water on Hudson street, between Ninety-eighth and Ninety-ninth streets, was received and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The application of the Commissioners of Docks and the Commissioner of Public Works for lots on the Hudson river, between Gansevoort and West Twelfth streets, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report.

Sundry bills of New York Printing Company (from Board of Excise) were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman of the Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 19, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held June 19, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Deputy Chamberlain and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Sealed proposals, in response to the resolution passed May 11, 1871, inviting bids or proposals to sell the several markets of the City, were received and referred to the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to examine and report, and copies of the same referred to Messrs. Havemeyer, Tenen and Phelps, as per aforesaid resolution of May 11, 1871.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSALS.

Catharine Market.

J. M. Varian proposes to lease for ten years, at \$1,000 per year, subject to renewal for ten years at a fair valuation.

Washington and West Washington Markets.

Jeremiah Feare and Richard Croker propose to purchase at the rate of \$17,000 per lot for each and every lot, as described on the map of said markets, or to lease the said markets at an annual rent of \$170,000.

New York Washington Market Company, John J. Walsh, President, propose to lease for ten years, at 12 per cent. per annum, on value as appraised by the Commissioners appointed to appraise the City property, or to purchase at the appraised value thereof, as raised by said Commissioners.

The West Washington Market Company, Robert G. Cornell, Chairman of the Committee, propose to lease for twenty-one years, with the usual renewal covenants, at 10

per cent., on the valuation, the property to be appraised in the usual way, or to at such appraised valuation.

Fulton Market.

The Fulton Market Association, A. Dorlan and others, committee, propose to purchase at \$210,000, or to lease for ten years, at an annual rent equal to 10 per cent. value, to be determined by appraisers.

Clinton Market.

Edward Gibson and John Garrie propose to purchase at \$125,000. The Clinton Market Association propose to purchase at \$100,000. Alfred West and Jacob R. Traphagen, on behalf of themselves and others, propose to purchase at \$150,000.

No bids having been received for Centre, Jefferson, Essex, Union and Traphagen Markets, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to receive bids for the sale of the said markets on July 10, 1871, the bids so received to be referred as provided for in the resolution of May 11.

Application of the New York Bridge Company for deeds of the property of the Corporation of the City of New York, one parcel located in Brooklyn, near the Fulton Ferry (price, \$160,000), and the other parcel located in New York, at the Roosevelt Ferry (price, \$42,000), was received, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the application be granted, and that it be referred to the Corporation to prepare the said deeds.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen reports applications of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Docks for the sale of lots on the Hudson river, between Gansevoort and West Twelfth streets (Fort Gansevoort property), referred to him at the last meeting, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the three lots, Nos. 1, 2, 3, Map of Fort Gansevoort Property, be leased to the Department of Public Works, during the pleasure of this Board, at an annual rent of one thousand five hundred dollars; and the twenty-three lots Nos. 4, 5, 6, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72, aforesaid map, be leased to the Department of Docks, during the pleasure of this Board, at an annual rent of one thousand dollars.

The Recorder submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted.

Whereas, It is represented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that C. Traphagen, Esq., of the City of New York, is possessed of knowledge that (

ne pieces, parcels and rights of property belong to the Corporation of New York, to which at the present said Corporation do not make claim; and

Whereas, The same is, however, claimed, and held by others adversely to the Corporation and without legal title from it; and

Whereas, The said Commissioners are willing, without accomplishing injustice, to reduce to the possession of the Corporation, and to it make available all the said property;

Whereas, It is the duty of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as trustees of the said property, to maintain any and all legal title to the property of the said Corporation;

Whereas, The said William C. Traphagen is willing, upon certain conditions to be agreed upon, to give to these Commissioners information of fact which will enable the Corporation aforesaid to obtain possession of the pieces, parcels and rights of property above referred to; now, therefore,

Resolved, That Recorder Hackett and Comptroller Connolly be and hereby are appointed a committee, with power, and are directed to enter into and conclude a proper agreement with the said William C. Traphagen, and in such manner and form as to them shall seem best, for the purpose of securing to the said Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York the possession and enjoyment of the said pieces, parcels and rights of property, which agreement shall embody a contingent (only) compensation to be paid to said William C. Traphagen, and whatever litigation shall become necessary shall be conducted by the Counsel to the Corporation in connection with said William C. Traphagen.

The application of the Farmers of Long Island (John O'Donnell, Jr., Chairman) for compensation for market wagons, etc., laid on the table May 1, 1871, was taken up for action; and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that the application should be made to the Common Council, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund not having power to grant the same.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND

JUNE 29, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Co
Office June 29, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chair
Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The following report on the application of Isaac Hartman and John M
for grant of land under water on Harlem river, between One Hundred and T
and One Hundred and Twenty-second streets, was received, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
June 6, 1871

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of I
man and John Martin, Jr., for grant of land under water in front of upland
them on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-first and One H
Twenty-second streets, respectfully

Report, That they have considered the subject referred, and recommen
application be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at ten
lars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the
cants, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now fixed by law, and
the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is her
mitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause
be issued to Isaac Hartman and John Martin, Jr., for land under water in front

ned by them on the Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-first and One Hundred and Twenty-second streets, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at ten (10) dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and resolution adopted.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works:

Application of G. W., J. A., R. M. and James D. Pell for water grant on Hudson river, between Seventy-ninth and Eightieth streets.

Application of Aaron Jacobs for water grant on Hudson river, between Ninety-ninth and Ninety-eighth streets.

Application of Peter Lynch for water grant on Hudson river, between Ninety-eighth and Ninety-ninth streets.

A communication was received from the Board of Apportionment in relation to the excise moneys derived from licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors since the organization of said Board," when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund pay over to the Chamberlain, to the credit of the Board of Apportionment, the excise moneys derived from licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors since the organization of the present Board of Excise Commissioners, in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of chapter 583 of Laws of 1871.

The following resolution was submitted, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to draw a warrant for one thousand dollars in favor of H. P. Bostwick, for services rendered in preparation of tables and statistics, under the direction of the Deputy Comptroller.

The application of Buck & McMasters for reduction of consideration fixed for water grant on the Hudson river, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, was received, when, on motion, the resolution passed May 27, 1870 (see page 1061), authorizing a grant of land under water on the North river, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, to be issued to said Buck & McMasters, was reconsidered, amended and adopted, as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Leander Buck and David McMasters for land under water on the North river, in front of the upland owned by them, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at fifty (50) dollars per foot front, running measure.

The application of Joseph W. Duryea for reduction of consideration fixed by a grant on the Hudson river, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, laid on May 1, 1871, was taken up for action, when, on motion, the resolution passed January 1868 (see page 945), authorizing a grant of land under water on Hudson river, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, to be issued to said Duryee, was read and amended and adopted, as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause to be issued to Joseph W. Duryee for land under water on the North or Hudson river, front of upland owned by him, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets, to the exterior line, as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at fifty (50) dollars per foot front, running measure.

The report of B. P. Fairchild and Thomas H. Bate, appraisers to fix the value of a building upon the premises No. 83 Chatham street, covered by the lease made to Edward Smith, May 1, 1850, was received, with certificate of said appraisers that they were to agree upon the value of said building and had appointed Samuel Cochran, together with the certificate of said Samuel Cochran, umpire, that he had fixed the value of the building on the premises before designated (No. 83 Chatham street), at six thousand and ninety-three dollars (\$6,193).

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

The report of James S. Hennessy and Benjamin P. Fairchild, appraisers to fix the value of the building upon the premises No. 93 Chatham street, covered by the lease made to Edward Smith, May 1, 1850, was received, with the certificate of the said appraisers that they had fixed the value of the building on the premises before designated (No. 93 Chatham street), at nine thousand dollars (\$9,000).

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 25, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's office July 25, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Deputy Chamberlain and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

Sealed proposals, in response to the resolution passed May 11, 1871 (time extended to the meeting held June 19, 1871, for reception of proposals for Centre, Jefferson, Essex, and Tompkins Markets, until July 10, 1871), to sell the several markets of the city, were received and opened by the Chairman, when, on motion, the said proposals were referred to the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report, and copies of the same were sent to Messrs. Havemeyer, Ewen and Phelps, as per resolution of May 11, 1871.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSALS.

Jefferson Market.

For lease of Jefferson Market for ten or twenty years David B. Reed offers an annual rent of \$5,500.

Hewlett Odell offers an annual rent of \$7,000.

Theodore Allen offers an annual rent of \$8,500.

Joseph R. Reed offers an annual rent of \$9,500.

H. Twouterberg, No. 26 East Thirteenth street, offers an annual rent of \$12,000.

D. W. Bain offers an annual rent of \$13,500.

Tompkins Market.

Henry Marshall & Co. offers for lease of Market floor of Tompkins Market, for ten years, an annual rent of \$5,000.

Essex Market.

Edward Welch offers for lease of basement and first floor of Essex Market, rent of \$3,600.50.

Franklin Market.

Watts, Parker & Co. offer for lease of Franklin Market, for ten years, and of \$1,500.

Michael Cary offers for lease of said market, for five years, an annual rent of \$1,500.

No bids having been received for Centre and Union Markets, the Corporation, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, was authorized to receive bids for the sale of said markets, including also the Eighteenth Ward Market, until the first of August next, of which due notice is to be given.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks (with the Engineer-in-Chief and opinion of Counsel to the Corporation annexed) stating that twenty-three (23) lots on the Hudson river, between Gansevoort and West streets, authorized by resolution passed June 19, 1871, to be leased to the Department of Docks, are not available for the purposes of said Department; when, on motion, the resolution of said resolution as authorizes the 23 lots, as above designated, to be leased to the Department of Docks, was rescinded.

The application of the Commissioners of Docks for premises on the Hudson river, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, for the purposes of a warehouse, was received, and, on motion, laid on the table, in order that the (Deputy) Commissioners confer with said Commissioners on the subject.

A communication was received from Bradish Johnson stating that he was unable to take deeds for certain lots of the Fort Gansevoort property, purchased by the Corporation sale, October, 1867, when, on motion, the resolution passed May 18, 1871, relating to the sale of the aforesaid lots, was rescinded, and Mr. Johnson to be notified to complete the purchase.

The following report of the Committee appointed June 19, 1871, with power to enter into and conclude a proper agreement with William C. Traphagen in relation to the Corporation possession of pieces, parcels and rights of property held adversely to the Corporation without legal title, was received, viz.:

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

We, the undersigned, who, by resolution of your body, passed on the 19th of June, 1871, were appointed a committee, with power, and were directed to enter into and conclude a proper agreement with William C. Traphagen, and in such manner and form as should seem best, for the purpose of securing to the Corporation, the Mayor

and Commonalty of the City of New York, the possession and enjoyment of certain pieces, parcels and rights of property belonging to them and situated within the said City and County of New York, do respectfully report as follows: That we have entered into, concluded and executed an agreement with said Traphagen, in conformity with and under the authority of the resolution above referred (and which said agreement, which has been executed in duplicate), accompanies this report.

Dated July 20, 1871.

(Signed) JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the report of Messrs. Hackett, Recorder, and Connolly, Comptroller, and by which it appears that they, under the authorization of this Board, and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, have entered into an agreement with William C. Traphagen, Esq., be adopted, and, further, that the said agreement be adopted as the act of this Board, and that the same, together with the report of said committee, be entered at length upon the minutes.

The agreement referred to above is as follows, viz.:

Whereas, At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held June 19, 1871, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted, viz.:

Whereas, It is represented to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that William Traphagen, Esq., of the City of New York, is possessed of knowledge that (and how) some pieces, parcels and rights of property belong to the Corporation of New York, to which at present said Corporation do not make claim; and

Whereas, The same is, however, claimed and held by others adversely to the Corporation, and without legal title from it; and

Whereas, The said Commissioners are willing, without accomplishing injustice, to reduce to the possession of the Corporation, and to make available all the said property; and

Whereas, It is the duty of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as trustees of the property, to maintain any and all legal title to the property of the said Corporation; and

Whereas, The said William C. Traphagen is willing, upon certain conditions to be agreed upon, to give to these Commissioners information of fact which will enable the Corporation aforesaid to obtain possession of the pieces, parcels and rights of property above referred to; now, therefore,

Resolved, That Recorder Hackett and Comptroller Connolly be and hereby are appointed a committee, with power, and are directed to enter into and conclude a proper

agreement with the said William C. Traphagen, and in such manner and form shall seem best, for the purpose of securing to the said Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York the possession and enjoyment of the pieces, parcels and rights of property, which agreement shall embody a contingent compensation to be paid to said William C. Traphagen, and whatever litigation become necessary shall be conducted by the Counsel to the Corporation in connection with said William C. Traphagen; and

Whereas, also, It is the duty of the Comptroller of the City of New York to prevent encroachments on property belonging to the Corporation; and

Whereas, The Comptroller is willing, without accomplishing injustice, to surrender the possession of the Corporation and make available the said property;

Now, in pursuance of such resolution aforesaid, and of the premises, this

Agreement, made this twentieth day of July, A. D. 1871, between the Corporation of the City of New York, The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, through the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the Comptroller of the City of New York, of the first part, and William C. Traphagen, of the said City, of the second part,

Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of one dollar in hand paid by each of the parties to the other, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, as well as in testimony of the agreements hereinafter made between the parties,

The party of the first part agrees to pay to the party of the second part a sum of money equal to the one-half of the value of each and all the pieces, parcels and rights of property of which they shall become possessed through information given by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by him, the said party of the second part; and it is further agreed between the parties to these presents that the value of each piece and right of property as soon as it shall come into the possession of the party of the second part shall be fixed, if possible, by an agreement in writing in duplicate between the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on the part of the party of the first part, and by the party of the second part on his own behalf, one of the said duplicates to be retained by each of the parties hereto, and in case such agreement as to value is not so executed, then the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, shall, within five days thereafter, pay to the party of the second part a sum equal to the one-half of the value so fixed, which payment to be made through the Comptroller of the City of New York, the party of the second part presenting to him his duplicate of the certificate of value so signed as above provided.

And in case the said Commissioners and the party of the second part shall not agree upon a valuation of any piece or parcel or right of property within twenty days after the party of the first part shall become possessed of such piece, parcel or right of property, then and in that case such piece or parcel or right of property, in regard to which there is such a failure, shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for

Commissioners within forty days after the expiration of the above twenty days in which the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the party of the second part are given therein to agree upon a valuation; and if, upon such sale, the party of the second part shall become the purchaser, then, and in such case, he shall be obliged to pay but one-half of the purchase money and give a receipt to the party of the first part for the other one-half of the purchase money, and thereupon a proper conveyance of the piece, parcel or right of property shall at once be made to him by the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

But if, upon such sale, the party of the first part shall become the purchaser or bid for the property in, then it shall within five days after such sale pay through the Comptroller of the City of New York, to the said party of the second part, a sum equal to the one-half part of the net sum bid by it on such sale; and if a third party shall become the purchaser on such sale, then the said party of the first part shall, within five days after it receives the purchase price of such property, through the said Comptroller, pay to the party of the second part, on his receipt for the same, the net one-half of the price for which such property was sold, and so as to each piece, parcel or right of property in reference to which there is a failure by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the party of the second part to agree upon value.

And the party of the first part further agrees to advance to the said party of the second part all the money that it shall be necessary for him to disburse in maintaining and asserting the rights of the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to the pieces, parcels and rights of property referred to in the resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund above recited; and it is further agreed that such money shall be disbursed under the direction of the Recorder of the City of New York and Comptroller aforesaid, and that all such money so advanced by the party of the first part shall be returned to it by the party of the second part out of the proceeds of the first property reduced to possession (after such advance) by the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

And the party of the first part agrees that whenever the party of the second part shall show the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York have rights in or to any piece, parcel or right of property, to which at present it does not make claim, and which is claimed and held by others adversely to it and without any legal title from it, the party of the first part will immediately cause proceedings to be taken by the Counsel of the Corporation in connection with the party of the second part, either by suit or otherwise, as to them (said counsel and said party of the second part) shall seem best for the recovery hereof; and such proceedings shall not be discontinued or unnecessarily delayed or compromised or settled without the consent of the party of the second part, nor shall any settlement be made of any such claim without the consent of the party of the second part.

And if, by the joint agreement and concurrence of the respective parties of the first part and second part, there shall be any settlement of the claim of the party of the first part, or its rights in respect to the property aforesaid, or any part or parcel thereof, by the third parties, possessors of said property or any part or parcel thereof, by the payment of the part of the latter of moneys, then the amount of moneys of such payment shall be equally divided between the parties of the first part and the second part, upon the condition of quit-claim deeds by the party of the first part to the third parties in possession.

And the said party of the second part agrees to fully inform the said Committee of the Sinking Fund of the interest of the party of the first part in and to the several parcels and rights of property in the above resolution referred to, in what town or place where located and how they arise.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this 25th day and year first above written.

(Signed) WILLIAM C. TRAPHAGEN. [L. s.]

(Signed) JOHN K. HACKETT, [L. s.]

Recorder of the City of New York

(Signed) RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, [L. s.]

Comptroller of the City of New York

Witness as to W. C. Traphagen—

JAMES O'NEILL.

C. W. LAWRENCE, as to all.

State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

On the twentieth day of July, 1871, before me came John K. Hackett, Recorder of the City of New York, and Richard B. Connolly, Comptroller of the City of New York, and on the twenty-first day of July, 1871, before me came William C. Traphagen, and they severally known to be the persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed such instrument for the purposes therein contained.

(Signed) C. W. LAWRENCE,

Notary Public, City and County of New York

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 18, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office August 18, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the (Deputy) Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

/ The Recorder submitted the following preamble and resolutions which, on motion, were adopted, viz. :

Whereas, Doubts have arisen as to the right of the owner of the upland to demand and receive a grant from the Corporation, etc., of the City of New York of the land under water from low-water mark, in front of his upland, where the City or its grantees (other than the owner of the upland) own the shore between high and low water ; and

Whereas, It is claimed that the Corporation own the same in fee simple absolute ; and

Whereas, It is greatly to the interest of the Corporation, etc., of the City of New York not to be confined in making such grants to the owner of the upland, but to be at liberty to dispose of the land under water to the person who will pay for it the largest price, if by law they are authorized so to do ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That no further grants of land under water be made, executed or delivered where the grant covers land under water in front of land between high and low water mark, owned by the Corporation, etc., of the City of New York, until further order of the Board ; and be it further

Resolved, That the title to the land under water below low-water mark within the City and County of New York be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, and that he be requested to report to this Board what interests the Corporation, etc., of the City

of New York has in the same, and what, if any, restrictions are by law imposed on them in making grants of the same.

The following reports on applications for water grants were received, viz.:

Report on the application of W. P. Cooledge for water grant on Harlem river (One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street), viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
August 2, 1871.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of William Cooledge for grant of 16 lots of land under water on Harlem river, south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, respectfully

Report, That they have examined the subject referred, and find that Charles Henry Hall was the original owner of the upland fronting on the Harlem river, from One Hundred and Thirtieth to One Hundred and Fortieth street; that portions of the aforesaid land, together with his rights in and to the land under water, including the 16 lots in question, were sold during his lifetime.

We recommend that a grant or quit-claim deed of the aforesaid sixteen lots on the south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, commencing 90 feet west of Fourth avenue, be issued to William P. Cooledge, containing the usual covenants and conditions (so far as the same are applicable to this case), and the price fixed at one dollar per foot front, running measure, upon his submitting satisfactory evidence to the Counsel to the Corporation that he is entitled to the said grant.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant or quit-claim deed to be issued to William P. Cooledge for sixteen lots of land under water on Harlem river, south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, commencing 90 feet west of Fourth avenue, containing the usual covenants and conditions (so far as the same are applicable to this case), at one dollar per foot front, running measure, upon his submitting satisfactory evidence to the Counsel to the Corporation that he is entitled to the said grant.

On motion, the report was accepted and the accompanying resolution adopted

Report on the application of Charles E. Appleby for water grant on North river, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-eighth streets, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
July 12, 1871. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Charles E. Appleby for grant of land under water on the North river, in front of upland owned by him, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-eighth streets, respectfully

Report, That they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the application be granted, the consideration for said land under water fixed at fifty (50) dollars per foot front, running measure, and that a grant be issued therefor to the said applicant, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is herewith submitted.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Commissioner of Public Works.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Charles E. Appleby for the land under water on the North river, in front of the upland owned by him, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-eighth streets, extending to the exterior line of the City, as now fixed by law, and containing the usual covenants and conditions, at fifty (50) dollars per foot front, running measure.

On motion, the report was accepted and the accompanying resolution adopted.

Sealed proposals, in response to the resolution passed May 11, 1871 (time extended July 25 to August 15, 1871, for reception of proposals for Centre, Union and Eighteenth Ward Markets), to sell the several markets of the City, were received and opened by the Chairman, when, on motion, the said proposals were referred to the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, and copies of the same referred to Messrs. Havemeyer, Ewen and Phelps, as per resolution of May 11, 1871.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSALS.

Centre Market.

Thomas Mulligan, \$1,250; George Pieper, \$2,100; Sylvester E. Nolan, \$6,025; William Lalor, \$7,800; A. B. Caldwell, \$8,500; Charles H. Swan, \$13,560; Henry Carter, \$15,550.

Union Market.

Charles H. Swan, \$500; James McCloud, \$800.

Franklin Market.

Philip Cassidy, \$3,000; James Brady, \$3,200.

Tompkins Market.

Hugh Kane & Co., \$5,100.

Essex Market.

Hugh Kane & Co., \$3,600.

Eighteenth Ward Market.

Charles H. Swan, first year, \$100; second, \$200; third, \$500; fourth, \$600, and increasing the rent \$100 per year until and including the tenth year (\$1,200), making a total rent for ten years of \$7,100.

A communication was received from the Department of Docks setting forth "that although the Fort Gansevoort Property" (authorized to be leased to said Department, see Resolution June 19, 1871), "is not available as a work yard, it can be used for other purposes connected with the work of the Department and that this Board" (Department of Docks) "is desirous of obtaining it, provided it can be had at a lower rent than that heretofore decided on."

During the consideration of the said communication, the application of the said Department of Docks, "for the property belonging to the Corporation situate between East Sixteenth and East Seventeenth streets and Avenue C and the East river, to be used for the purposes of a work yard, in the manufacture of artificial stone for the river wall," received and laid on the table July 25, 1871, was taken up for consideration in connection with the aforesaid communication; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund July 25, 1871, rescinding so much of the resolution passed at that date as authorized the twenty-three lots of the Fort Gansevoort property, therein designated, to be leased to the Department of Docks during the pleasure of the said Commissioners, at an annual rent of ten thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby reconsidered; it was then

Resolved, That the application of the Department of Docks "for the property belonging to the Corporation, situated between East Sixteenth and East Seventeenth streets and Avenue C and the East river, to be used for the purposes of a work yard," be granted, and that the said property, or so much of the same as is not already under lease or occupied for public purposes, be leased, together with the twenty-three lots of the Fort Gansevoort property designated in the resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund June 19, 1871, to the Department of Docks for the term of ten years, at an annual rent of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

The report of the committee appointed May 1, 1871, to estimate the value of the real estate belonging to the City and County of New York was received and accepted, and the

Clerk directed to furnish a copy of the same to the Board of Supervisors (see Report on File).

The report of B. P. Fairchild and Nathaniel Jarvis, Jr., appraisers to fix the value of the building upon premises No. 57 Chatham street, in pursuance of the requirements of the lease to William Moroney, received and approved May 1, 1871, and fixing the value of said building at \$2,000, was taken up for further action, inasmuch as a search for unpaid taxes and assessments exhibits the fact that the amount of said unpaid taxes and assessments exceed the appraised value of the building by more than \$1,000. It was then, on motion,

Resolved, That the award of two thousand dollars made by the appraisers for the value of building No. 57 Chatham street, under lease to William Moroney, be retained by the City and not paid over to the lessee, there being taxes and assessments, with sales therefor, amounting to three thousand one hundred and forty-four dollars and twenty-nine cents, which such lessee is required to pay by the terms of the lease; and that the Corporation Counsel be requested to take proceedings on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to collect the balance due for taxes and assessments, after applying the amount of the award to such object.

The application of the Board of Police "for permission to Police Department to "occupy the premises designated by street No. 352 West Thirty-fifth street (lately occupied as the Twentieth Precinct Station-house), to be used as accommodations for the "lodging of vagrant and indigent persons," was received, and, on motion, the application was granted, during the pleasure of this Board.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.
JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1871.

Present—Andrew H. Green, Deputy Comptroller, and Patrick Lysaght, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

No quorum.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 2, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held October 2, 1871, at the Mayor's Office, pursuant to the following request, viz.:

NEW YORK, Friday, September 29, 1871.

The undersigned unite in a request for a call of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to meet, and designate as the time of meeting Monday, the 2d day of October, 1871, at 2 P. M., and as the place of meeting the office of the Mayor and Chairman, and with the view of meeting there at the same hour on each and every Monday for the stated and regular meeting of the Sinking Fund Commission and with open session.

(Signed) A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor and Chairman.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain of the City of
New York.
JAMES G. DIMOND, Chairman of the Finance
Committee of the Board of Aldermen.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the (Deputy) Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Applications.

The following applications were received and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Application of "The People's Ferry Company" for "a franchise or license to operate a ferry between New York and Brooklyn, from some point in the Eastern District of Brooklyn to a point in the neighborhood of Peck slip, and of Broome street and Twenty-third street, in the City of New York," which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller and the Chamberlain to report.

Application of E. S. Higgins & Co. for reduction of consideration fixed March 2, 1868, for water grant on the North river, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to report.

Application of B. W. Van Voorhis for assignment of bond and mortgage of John McCaffill for \$5,600, held by the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York, to said applicant, on payment of amount due, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to report.

Application of Daniel McCabe for assignment of bond and mortgage of Matthew Levy for \$4,500, held by the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York, to said applicant, on the payment of amount due, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to report.

Application of Robert Francis for a water grant on Harlem river, west side of Fifth avenue, between One Hundred and Thirty-sixth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Reports.

The following reports on applications for water grants were received and referred to the Recorder and the Comptroller, viz.:

Report on application of Thomas Crane for water grant on Harlem river, between Ninety-ninth and One Hundredth streets.

Report on application of J. A. Candee and Alfred P. Arnold for water grant on Harlem river, between Ninety-first and Ninety-second streets.

Report on application of Cornelius S. Bushnell for water grant on Harlem river, between Ninety-eighth and Ninety-ninth streets.

The following preamble and resolution adopted by the Commissioners of Docks August 28, 1871, were received and, on motion, referred to the Recorder and the Comptroller, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, }
August 28, 1871. }

To the Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held this day, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, The plans approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the "improvement of the water front of the City of New York by the formation of the new "River Street will call at nearly every point of its extent for the use of the land under "water; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be earnestly requested to "cease henceforth from making any grants of land under water along the water front of "the City, as such grants will of necessity interfere materially with the important work "of this Department."

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. GRENVILLE KANE, Secretary.

The following resolution, adopted by the Commissioners of Docks September 28, 1871, was received and ordered on file, copies of same to be sent to the Comptroller and the Board of Apportionment, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, }
September 28, 1871.

To the Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be requested to direct the Comptroller of the City of New York to prepare and issue ‘Dock Bonds of the City of New York,’ to the amount of one million (1,000,000) of dollars, for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks.”

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. GRENVILLE KANE, Secretary.

A communication from the Commissioners of Docks, accepting the lease as authorized by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, August 18, 1871, of the property “situate between East Sixteenth and East Seventeenth streets and Avenue C, or so much of the same as is not occupied for public purposes, together with the twenty-three lots of the Fort Gansevoort property, for the term of ten years, at an annual rent of \$15,000,” was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to have lease prepared and submitted to this Board.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to invest any surplus moneys belonging to the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt in any of the stocks and bonds of the City and County of New York, whenever he may deem it expedient.

A communication from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to payment of \$500 to J. S. L. Cummings on account of expenses in pursuance of agreement with W. C. Traphagen July 28, 1871, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to report.

On motion, adjourned to Monday, 9th instant, at 2 P. M., at the Mayor's office.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 9, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office October 9, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of both Boards.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Deputy Comptroller submitted the following report on applications for assignment of bonds and mortgages, viz. :

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
October 6, 1871.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the applications of B. W. Van Voorhis for assignment of bond and mortgage of John McCaffill, held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, amounting to \$5,600, and of Daniel McCabe, for assignment of bond and mortgage of Matthew Levy, also held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, amounting to \$4,500, respectfully

Reports, That section 24 of article 4, chapter 9 of the Revised Corporation Ordinances authorizes the Comptroller, with the sanction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to assign any bond and mortgage held by said Commissioners to any person or persons who may elect to take such assignment, upon the payment in full of the principal and interest due on said bond and mortgage.

I therefore recommend that the applications of the aforesaid parties be granted upon the payment of the principal and interest due on said bonds.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation is herewith submitted.

AND. H. GREEN, Deputy Comptroller.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to assign the bond and mortgage of John McCaffill for \$5,600, now held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to B. W. Van Voorhis; and the bond and mortgage of Matthew Levy for \$4,500, also held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to Daniel McCabe, on the payment in full of the principal and interest due on said bonds and mortgages respectively.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Deputy Comptroller also submitted a statement showing the balance of "Excise Moneys" deposited in the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt to be \$264,898.79, for which amount a warrant was executed in favor of the Chamberlain of the City, in accordance with the resolution of this Board passed June 29, 1871, to be deposited to the credit of the Board of Apportionment.

A warrant was executed for \$1,020.93 in favor of John L. Brower for assignment of purchase of premises No. 57 Chatham street, at sale of taxes in 1869, for unpaid taxes for the years 1865 and 1866, while leased to William Marooney, the said amount to be deducted from the \$2,000 appraised as the value of the building on said premises at the expiration of the lease, May 1, 1871.

Adjourned to Monday next, 16th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M., at Mayor's Office.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Deputy Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

JAS. G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

PATRICK LYSAGHT, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 16, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office October 16, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, adjourned to Monday next, 23d instant, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Mayor's Office.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Deputy Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

JAS. G. DIMOND, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 23, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office October 23, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Deputy Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Bill of A. J. Bleecker, A. H. Muller and Courtlandt Palmer, committee to ascertain and determine the value of the real estate belonging to the City and County of New York, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The following report of appraisers to fix the value of buildings on premises Nos. 89 and 91 Chatham street on expiration of lease was received, viz.:

NEW YORK, July 11, 1871.

We, the undersigned, duly appointed and sworn as appraisers to fix and determine the value of the buildings erected upon the premises leased by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to Cornelius C. Schenck, under lease dated May 1, 1850, do hereby determine the value of such buildings to be the sum of nine thousand (9,000) dollars.

(Signed) B. P. FAIRCHILD.
GEO. H. PURSER.

On motion, the report was accepted and the following resolution adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant for nine thousand (9,000) dollars be drawn to Cornelius C. Schenck, Trustee, in payment of award made by appraisers for buildings on premises Nos. 89 and 91 Chatham street, in pursuance of lease with Cornelius Schenck, of May 1, 1850.

The following preamble and resolution were submitted by the Chamberlain, viz.:

Whereas, The Commissioners of Docks have asked for a lease of certain premises occupied by the Eighteenth Ward Market; and

Whereas, Doubts have been expressed whether the use can be so diverted; therefore,

Resolved, That the opinion of John McKeon, Esq., counsel to this Board, be taken upon the legal validity and legal bearings of the application.

On motion, adjourned to Monday next (30th instant), at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Mayor's Office.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Deputy Comptroller.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

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OCTOBER 30, 1871.
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At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office October 30, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Deputy Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Deputy Comptroller presented the following communication, together with the annexed resolution from J. W. Gerard, Jr., Esq., viz.:

NEW YORK, October 23, 1871.

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN,

Deputy Comptroller and Member of Sinking Fund Board:

SIR—Pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Docks, and under the direction of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, or some of them (although, I believe, not by a formal vote), the book, of which the accompanying is a proof impression, was prepared last summer, and now lies in stereotype plates in the vaults of the New York Printing Company.

Various City officials and heads of departments have asked me why it is not out and distributed.

The printing company, under the present state of things, will not now issue it for the Department unless formally directed.

They are willing to issue and bind, say, 200 copies for \$1,600. This will just pay them for outlay and no more, as two valuable maps have been prepared and will be bound up with the work.

I have received no compensation for the labor bestowed, which was very great, and do not ask any under present circumstances, unless the Department may voluntarily at any future time choose to make an appropriation.

I therefore respectfully ask that the inclosed resolution be passed by your Board.

Unless this be done all the labor, trouble and expense hitherto bestowed will be lost.

I am respectfully yours,

(Signed) J. W. GERARD, Jr.,
No. 45 William Street, New York.

Resolved, That the New York Printing Company be authorized to print from the plates in their possession two hundred impressions of the work on the Corporation's title to real estate, etc., prepared by Mr. Gerard, at an expense to the City of not more than sixteen hundred dollars in full of the compensation and outlay of said company for the same as against the City; and that said company be authorized to print such further copies of the work as they choose for sale on their own account.

The aforesaid communication was accompanied by "proof impressions" of the proposed work, together with a letter from the Counsel to the Corporation approving "its plan and execution."

After a brief discussion, the communication and accompanying documents were, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The application of E. L. Donnelly for deduction of rent on premises at Fort Gansevoort in consequence of being obstructed in use of same during the rebuilding of pier and bulkhead, etc., was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

Communications were received from Courtlandt Palmer, Adrian H. Muller and A. J. Bleecker, committee to estimate the value of the real estate of the City and County of New York, in relation to bill received and referred to the Comptroller at the last meeting; which, on motion, were ordered on file.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Resolved, That fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) be allowed and paid to Anthony I. Bleecker, Adrian H. Muller and Courtlandt Palmer, respectively, for appraising the value of the real estate belonging to the City and County of New York, together with the expenses incurred in making said appraisalment.

On motion, adjourned to Monday next, November 6, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Mayor's Office.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Deputy Comptroller.
JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.
PATRICK LYSAGHT, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 6, 1871.

Present—Andrew H. Green, Deputy Comptroller.

No quorum.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 13, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office November 13, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Deputy Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The communication of the Commissioners of Docks, dated September 28, 1871, requesting that one million dollars Dock Bonds of the City of New York be issued for the purposes of the Department of Docks, received and referred to the Comptroller and the Board of Apportionment October 2, 1871, was called up for further action; when, on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is directed to prepare and issue Dock Bonds of the City of New York to the amount of one million dollars, for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks.

A communication was received from John McKeon, Esq., counsel to this Board, to whom was referred the application of the Commissioners of Docks for lease of certain premises for the purposes of a workyard, now occupied by the Eighteenth Ward Market, for his opinion as to the legal validity and legal bearings of the said application, which, after reciting the action of the Common Council in relation to the purchase of the said premises, etc., closes as follows:

"The undersigned respectfully concludes his statement by the expression of the opinion that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have the power to lease the part of the land unoccupied by the market between Sixteenth and Eighteenth streets and Avenue C and the East river to the Commissioners of Docks."

On motion, the communication was ordered on file.

The following resolution was received from the Commissioners of Docks, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, }
NEW YORK, November 9, 1871. }

To the Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department held this day the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be notified that the granting by them of a release to Messrs. Ryerson and Bates of a small triangular piece of ground situate on the northwest corner of Fourth avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-third street will not interfere with the plans adopted by this Department for the improvement of the water front of the City.”

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. GRENVILLE KANE, Secretary.

On motion of the Recorder, the application of William T. Ryerson and Joshua H. Bates for a grant or quit-claim of land under water between One Hundred and Thirty-second and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets, west side of Fourth avenue, referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works January 9, 1871, is hereby excepted from the operation of the resolution adopted August 18, 1871, suspending the further issue or delivery of grants of land under water until further order of this Board.

On motion of the Deputy Comptroller, it was

Resolved, That the requisition of the Commissioners of Docks, dated August 28, 1871, for five hundred thousand dollars to be paid to the order of the Treasurer of the Department of Docks be countersigned by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

A communication was received from A. J. Bleecker in relation to his services as one of the committee appointed May 1, 1871, “to ascertain and determine the value of all the real estate belonging to the City and County of New York,” together with his bill for said services, amounting to \$32,531, which, on motion, were referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

On motion, adjourned to Monday next, 20th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Mayor's Office.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Deputy Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

PATRICK LYSAGHT, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 20, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office November 20, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chamberlain submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted and referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Whereas, It has been publicly reported that Nathaniel Sands has been paid the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars for negotiating the sale of certain stocks and bonds of the City and County of New York; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is requested to report to this Board whether any sum or sums have been paid Mr. Sands for negotiating loans for the City or County of New York, and if paid, by what authority. Also when and by what authority Mr. Sands was authorized to negotiate, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City or County of New York, any loan, the nature of said loan and the authority for making the same.

The Mayor submitted the following communication from the Department of Public Instruction, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, }
November 15, 1871.

To the Board of Finance Commissioners of the City and County of New York:

In pursuance of the first subdivision of the third section of the act to amend, consolidate and reduce to one act the various acts relative to the common schools of the City of New York, and the act amendatory of said act, passed April 9, 1867, the Board of Public Instruction hereby reports an estimate of the amounts over and above the sums specified in the 15th section of the first-named act which will be required during the

year 1872, for the purpose of meeting the current annual expenses of public instruction in said City, to be as follows (here follows estimates in detail for salaries of teachers, books, printing and stationery, rents, fuel, gas, repairs, etc., amounting in the aggregate to \$2,787,100). And the Board of Public Instruction hereby reports that after deducting from said aggregate amount of \$2,787,100 the amount of moneys apportioned to the County of New York by the State, \$443,247.56, referred to in the 14th section of said act, and the several sums of money to be raised by the 15th section of the same act, the Board of Public Instruction estimates that the balance will be the amount over and above the sum specified in the 15th section of said act which will be required during the year 1872 for the purpose of meeting the annual expenses of public instruction in the City of New York.

Resolved, That the annexed estimate, amounting to the sum of two million seven hundred and eighty-seven thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,787,100) be duly authenticated in triplicate and submitted to the Board of Supervisors and to the Board of Finance Commissioners and to the Board of Apportionment, as provided by the laws of the State.

November 15, 1871.

(Signed) L. D. KIERNAN, Clerk.

(Signed) BERNARD SMYTH, Prest. D. P. I.

The Mayor submitted a communication from Douglass Campbell, Esq., in relation to the application of Mrs. Eliza A. H. Sayre for grant for land under water, Harlem river, claimed by Hart & Remsen, which, on motion, was referred to the Recorder to examine and report.

The following bills were presented and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Bill of John McKeon, Esq., for salary as Counsel to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund under resolution adopted October 12, 1870, for the quarter due October 12, 1871.....	\$1,000 00
Bill of Edward Boyle, City Surveyor, for services in making surveys and maps of the market property and dividing the same into suitable lots for the purpose of sale.....	4,140 00
Bill of Edward Boyle, City Surveyor, for services in making surveys and maps of sundry plots and lots of real estate belonging to the Corporation preparatory to sale.....	3,215 00

On motion, adjourned to Monday next, 27th instant, at the Mayor's Office, at 2 o'clock P. M.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.
 JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
 AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
 JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.
 PATRICK LYSAGHT, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 27, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office November 27, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
November 27, 1871.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

I have considered the matter remitted to me by your resolution, dated the 23d ultimo, relating to the compensation of Messrs. Courtlandt Palmer, Adrian H. Muller and Anthony J. Bleecker, the appraisers appointed to ascertain and determine the value of the real estate belonging to the City and County of New York.

The result of my investigations leads me to believe that the duties of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are special in their character, restricted to the preservation and proper investment of the funds committed to their care and management. The Commissioners intrusted with the management of these funds had, so far as I can see, no concern whatever with the greater part of the real estate belonging to the City and County included in this appraisalment, and, in my judgment, no duty or necessity existed for the appraisalment for which two of the above-named gentlemen seek compensation. Their services, however, having been engaged, and the work for which compensation is claimed having been performed, it seems but just that proper remuneration should be made therefor.

By the resolution directing the valuation to be proceeded with the Comptroller was instructed, before it commenced, to make a satisfactory arrangement with the gentlemen named as to their fees. My information is, and this all the appointed appraisers concede, that the arrangement made was that the amount of compensation was to be left entirely to the discretion and judgment of the Comptroller, and to be afterward fixed by him, showing clearly that none of the parties looked to the customary brokerage or percentage for compensation, but to the action of the Comptroller.

These appraisers are all very competent and experienced men in matters of real estate, and from the papers submitted to me it appears that the work of appraisement was carried on during the three months of May, June and July, 1871, and that the bill of the assistants, etc., employed by the appraisers amounts to \$6,590. This bill, I think, must represent a considerable portion of the labor performed.

I find that Mr. Palmer has relinquished all claim for his services, merely stipulating that the experts employed should be amply remunerated. Mr. Muller makes no specific charge, leaving the amount to be paid to him to the judgment of the Comptroller, as originally agreed to, while Mr. Bleecker presents a formal demand for \$32,531 as compensation for his services, thus endeavoring to fix his own claim, instead of leaving it to be determined by the Comptroller, as agreed to.

The bills of \$6,590 for assistants, etc., the details of which are hereto annexed, represent, as I understand, an outlay by these appraisers which should be provided for. I cannot concur in the proposition of the Chamberlain (which I find among the papers referred to me) to pay each of these appraisers the sum of \$15,000, but would recommend that Messrs. Muller and Bleecker should each receive a sum of \$3,000 for their respective services. Mr. Palmer's generous relinquishment of all claim for his services in this matter I assume to be accepted.

The question arises as to how these claims are to be paid. I doubt whether it is competent for the Commissioners to expend or divert any moneys under their care and management to this purpose, and I am inclined to think that from legislative action only can the means be had to provide for this payment.

Respectfully,

(Signed) AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

After a brief discussion, on motion, the question was taken on the adoption of the report, and decided in the negative.

The resolution submitted by the Chamberlain October 30, 1871, "that \$15,000 be "allowed and paid to A. J. Bleecker, Adrian H. Muller and Courtlandt Palmer, respectively, for appraising the value of the real estate belonging to the City and County of "New York, together with the expenses incurred in making said appraisement," was taken up for action, when the Mayor moved that \$15,000 be allowed and paid Anthony

J. Bleecker for his services in appraising the value of the real estate belonging to the City and County of New York.

The Comptroller moved as an amendment that the sum be fixed at \$3,000, which was not adopted.

The question was then taken on the motion of the Mayor that \$15,000 be allowed and paid Anthony J. Bleecker for his services in appraising the value of the real estate belonging to the City and County of New York, which was adopted.

Action in relation to payment of Messrs. Muller and Palmer was laid over.

In relation to the payment of the expenses incurred by the appraisers in the discharge of their duties it was

Resolved, That six thousand five hundred and ninety dollars be audited and allowed as an aggregate sum from which the expenses of the appraisers be paid by the Comptroller, in his discretion, upon the various bills that may be presented to him within the said aggregate amount.

A communication was received from the Department of Docks in relation to the future location of West Washington Market, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, adjourned to Monday next (December 4), at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Mayor's Office.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

PATRICK LYSAGHT, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 4, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office December 4, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of the Mayor, it was

Resolved, That the future meetings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be held at the Comptroller's Office, at the call of the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

PATRICK LYSAGHT, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 29, 1871.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 29, 1871.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller stated that there is a balance this day of \$982,080, as reported by the Clerk of this Board, to the credit of the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," and that the amount for payment of interest on City Stocks from this fund February 1, 1872, will be, say \$160,000, leaving a surplus of \$822,080 in this fund, and recommended that the sum of \$800,000 be transferred to the "General Fund," in accordance with the provisions of chapter 163, Laws of 1862; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of John J. Bradley, Chamberlain, for the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars, to be charged to the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of "Surplus Revenues" of said fund, for the year 1871, and credited to the "General Fund" of the City, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 163, Laws of this State of 1862.

On motion, adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

JOHN J. BRADLEY, Chamberlain.

PATRICK LYSAGHT, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 25, 1872.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 25, 1872.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the application of W. T. Ryerson and J. H. Bates for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-second and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
March 15, 1872.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the annexed application of William T. Ryerson and Joshua H. Bates for a grant or quit-claim for that portion of eighteen lots of land on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-second and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets, west side of Fourth avenue, which is land under water, respectfully

Report, That they have considered the subject referred, and find that Charles Henry Hall was the original owner of the upland fronting on the Harlem river, from One Hundred and Thirtieth to One Hundred and Fortieth street; that portions of the aforesaid land, together with his rights in and to the land under water, including the eighteen lots in question, were sold during his lifetime.

We therefore recommend that a grant or quit-claim deed of that portion of the aforesaid eighteen lots under water be issued to the said applicants, containing the usual covenants and conditions (so far as the same are applicable to this case) and

the price fixed at two dollars per foot front (fronting on Fourth avenue), upon the aforesaid applicants submitting satisfactory evidence to the Counsel to the Corporation that they are entitled to the said grant.

A resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendations is herewith submitted.

(Signed) AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

GEO. M. VAN NORT, Commissioner of Public Works.

On motion, the report was accepted and the following resolution adopted. viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to cause a grant or quit-claim deed to be issued to William T. Ryerson and Joshua H. Bates for eighteen lots of land, between One Hundred and Thirty-second and One Hundred and Thirty-third streets, west side of Fourth avenue, or that portion of the said lots which is land now or formerly under water, on Harlem river, containing the usual covenants and conditions (so far as the same are applicable to this case), at two dollars per foot front (fronting on Fourth avenue), upon their submitting satisfactory evidence to the Counsel to the Corporation that they are entitled to the said grant.

The Comptroller submitted the application of William F. Beekman for water grant on the East river, between Sixty-second and Sixty-third streets, which was referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

A communication was received from the Department of Docks requesting that the Comptroller be directed to prepare and issue Dock Bonds of the City of New York for one million of dollars, for the uses and purposes of the said Department, which, on motion, was laid over for consideration.

An application was received from the executors of Daniel Devlin to be allowed to deposit in a trust company a sufficient amount to meet their proportion of a certain mortgage made by Daniel Devlin to the Corporation, to abide the event of a suit of foreclosure now pending, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The petition of Francis A. Leggett for renewal of lease of premises No. 42 Chatham street was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

An application was received from Thomas Bonar for lease of premises No. 28 Ann street, which, on motion, was referred to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen to examine and report.

The Comptroller stated that he had under consideration the subject of the renewal of the lease of the New York and New Haven Railroad Company of the block of ground bounded by White, Centre, Franklin and Elm streets, used as a freight depot, as to what additional amount of rent to that fixed by the appraisers should be charged for leaving out of the lease all restrictions as to reletting; when, on motion, the subject was referred to the Chamberlain and the Comptroller to consider and report.

The Comptroller submitted a list of the market cellars, ferries and other property of the Corporation, the leases of which have already expired or will expire on the 1st of May next, and recommend that such action be taken to improve the condition of and lease the same as shall be for the best interest of the City; when on motion, the matter of leasing the markets, market cellars, ferries and other property of the Corporation, the leases of which have expired or will expire on the 1st of May next, was referred to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, the Chamberlain and the Comptroller to consider and report.

The Comptroller submitted a communication from Jacob Sharpe in relation to the bid of Sydney A. Yeomans at the public auction for the sale of the railroad franchise in Twenty-third street, June 2, 1869, and the subsequent action of this Board on the same; when, on motion, it was referred to the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to report what, if any, powers the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have in the matter referred to in the communication of Mr. Sharpe, and to recommend what will be for the best interests of the City in the matter of said railroad franchise.

A communication was received from the Department of Docks requesting that a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be held at as early a day as practicable, for the purpose of examining "plans for the improvement of the water front of the City, from Sixtieth street, North river, around by Spuyten Duyvil creek and Harlem river, to Grand street, East river, now ready for the inspection and approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

F. A. PALMER, Chamberlain.

SOL. MEHRBACH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

C. C. PINCKNEY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 8, 1872.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 8, 1872.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller, on behalf of the committee to whom was referred the matter of leasing the markets, market cellars, ferries and other property of the Corporation, the leases of which have expired or will expire on the 1st of May next, submitted as their report in part the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to lease at public auction, for the term of five years from the 1st of May, 1872, the market cellars, ferries and other property of the Corporation the leases of which have expired or will expire on the 1st of May next (as contained in the list submitted at the last meeting), and to make the necessary arrangements for said sale, and to give the requisite notice of the same for ten days.

The Comptroller also submitted the following "conditions of sale" of the property to be leased as provided for in the foregoing resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Conditions of Sale of Ferry Leases.

The conditions and covenants of the leases to be in the usual form of ferry leases heretofore entered into by the Corporation.

The lease for each of the above-named ferries to be made to conform to the requirements of the laws in relation to ferries, and also to contain covenants on the part of the lessee or lessees that he or they will conduct and manage the said ferry or ferries

agreeable to such rules, regulations, ordinances or by-laws as are now or may hereafter from time to time be made or passed by the Common Council or State Legislature.

The purchaser of the ferry lease and its appendages, in each case, will be required to pay at the time and place of sale to the Collector of the City Revenue a sum equal to twenty per cent. of the amount bid for the annual rent, to apply on the rent of the first quarter, in case he executes a lease with the usual covenants; otherwise to be forfeited to the Corporation. He will be required, also, to furnish an obligation, at the same time, executed by two sureties, to this effect: that he will execute a bond, with sureties to be approved by the Comptroller, for the punctual payment of the rent quarterly, and for the faithful execution of the covenants of the lease. The expense of the lease, bonds and revenue stamps to be paid by the purchaser, and no expense whatever is to be incurred by the Corporation for or in connection with the pier, slip or bulkhead, or premises proposed to be leased, during the term of the lease.

Should the lease of the above-named ferries or either of them be purchased by parties other than the present lessees, they will be required, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State, to purchase, at a fair appraised valuation (should the present lessees desire to sell), the boats, buildings and fixtures necessary for the purposes of a ferry, said value to be fixed by persons selected by the old and new lessees, in case the parties cannot agree as to the amount to be paid for the same. Should any part of the bulkheads, wharves and piers connected with any of the ferries be required by the Department of Docks at any time during the term for which the leases are sold, such bulkheads, wharves and piers, or such portions of them as may be required, shall be given up by the lessees, and no deduction of rent or damages allowed for the premises so taken.

The lease shall also contain a covenant requiring each ferry-boat to have attached to its engine a fire apparatus or force pump, with not less than 400 feet of hose of the quality and dimensions used by the Fire Department of the City of New York, and to be used for the extinguishment of fires whenever required by the Chief Engineer or his assistants of the Fire Department of the City of New York, for which services the lessee shall receive \$20 per hour for each hour engaged, and no time to be counted less than one hour.

Conditions of Sale of Leases of Market Cellars and Houses and Lots.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel to be paid to the Collector of the City Revenue at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required, at the same time, to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

The twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent; or forfeited, if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid

off by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation. (Sec. 113 of Charter of 1870.)

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the city during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter yearly, and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

The leases, bonds and revenue stamps to be at the expense of the lessees.

Should the Corporation sell, lease, rebuild or remove any of the markets during the term for which the lease is granted, the leases for the cellars and other premises in or under the markets so sold, leased, rebuilt or removed are to be canceled at the option of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and no deduction or award for damages will be made by the Corporation therefor.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the application of Thomas Bonar for lease of premises No. 28 Ann street was received and, on motion, laid on the table.

The Recorder submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund address a request to the Legislature of the State of New York asking the repeal of the limitation of power to sell certain property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York provided by section 9, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, by the terms of which it is provided: "But if said property be market property, it shall not be sold or leased under a condition that the purchaser or lessee thereof shall maintain said market property as and for the purposes of a public market for at least ten years from and after such sale or lease and under due ordinances of the Common Council, or of the Board of Health, or under stipulation in the deed of sale or lease."

On motion of the Comptroller, the resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted November 27, 1871, that \$15,000 be allowed and paid Anthony J. Bleecker

for his services in appraising the value of the real estate belonging to the City and County of New York was reconsidered and rescinded.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY, HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

F. A. PALMER, Chamberlain.

SOL. MEHRBACH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

C. C. PINCKNEY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 22, 1872.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 22, 1872.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the Comptroller was authorized to employ an auctioneer to conduct the sale of leases of market cellars and other property of the Corporation at auction on the 23d instant.

A communication was received from the President of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company asking for a renewal of the lease of the ferry from Desbrosses street to Jersey City for not less than five years, at an annual rent of \$1,500, the said company being the owners of the slips, buildings and real estate connected with said ferry on both sides of the river. And also one from Martin Kalbfleisch requesting that the sale of the lease of the Houston Street Ferry be postponed for a week or ten days, as a company is forming to compete for the franchise of the same; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the sale of ferry leases and ferry franchises advertised to take place on the 23d instant be postponed to Wednesday, the 15th of May next.

A communication was received from Abram S. Hewitt stating that the houses and lots Nos. 377 and 379 Fourth avenue, advertised to be leased at auction on the 23d instant, had already been leased by the owner, the lease of said lots to the Corporation having expired on the 16th of January, 1872, and not having been renewed; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the aforesaid houses and lots be withdrawn from said sale.

The application of W. F. Rowland for water grant or quit claim of a portion of four lots on the south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street (Harlem river), between Fourth and Fifth avenues, was received and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

A communication was received from Benjamin B. Sherman and others in relation to the sale of market property, which, on motion, was referred to the committee appointed March 25 to consider and report as to the leasing of the markets, market cellars and other property of the Corporation, consisting of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, the Chamberlain and the Comptroller.

The Chamberlain submitted the following preamble and resolution, viz.:

Whereas, The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York leased to the New York and New Haven Railroad Company the premises bounded by Centre, White, Elm and Franklin streets for twenty-one years from September 1, 1850, at an annual rent of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), which lease contained a covenant for a further renewal for a term of twenty-one years from the expiration thereof, at a rent to be ascertained and determined by two sworn appraisers or by a sworn umpire, as therein provided; and

Whereas, Appraisers were appointed in the year 1871, and reported that the just and true value of said land was twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) per annum; and

Whereas, The original lease contained a covenant that the property so leased should be used only for railroad purposes, and the New York and New Haven Railroad Company now offer that if said restriction is removed they will pay to the City the annual sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000); therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund waive the condition of the former lease restricting the use of the property, and accept the offer of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per annum, and order that a new lease be executed with the New York and New Haven Railroad Company for such premises, in accordance with the terms of their offer, at the annual rental of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per annum, the lease to contain all the covenants of the first term, excepting the covenant restricting the use of the premises to railroad purposes.

On motion of the Comptroller, the resolution and whole subject covered by it were referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion whether the City is bound to a renewal and by the appraisal.

A communication was received from O. B. Potter and Thomas W. Ogden, respectively, in relation to the delay in issuing certain water grants for which they have applied, which, on motion, were laid on the table, and the Clerk directed to furnish the said parties

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with copies of the proceedings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund adopted August 18, 1871, in relation to water grants.

On motion, adjourned to Monday next, 29th instant, at 12 M.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

F. A. PALMER, Chamberlain.

SOL. MEHRBACH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 29, 1872.

Present—The Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

No quorum.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 13, 1872.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office May 13, 1872.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following applications for extension of time for payment of bonds and mortgages were received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power to extend the time, in his discretion, not to exceed two years, viz.:

Mary J. Ackerman (George P. Gordon and wife, mortgagors), for \$28,000, on property corner of New Chambers and William streets; expires November 1, 1872.

Charles Spellmeyer and Anna M. Ebeling, balance \$21,200, on property No. 130 West street; expired May 1, 1872.

Emeline Adamson (Abraham Goodman, mortgagor), for \$9,030, on property No. 5 Duane street; expired May 1, 1872.

Edward A. Boyd (Edward C. Boyd, mortgagor), for \$11,900, on property south side of Seventy-eighth street, 125 feet east of Fifth avenue; expired June 15, 1871.

The application of Albert Z. Demarest for water grant at Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets, creek connected with Harlem river, was received and, on motion of the Recorder, referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion, as requested by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund August 1, 1871 (see minutes, page 52, vol. 6, of proceedings).

Communications were received from the lessees of Houston Street Ferry, A. L. Dennis, President of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, and G. E.

Winants and associates in relation to leases of ferries and ferry franchises advertised to be sold at public auction on the 15th instant; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to withdraw the advertisement for the sale of leases of ferries and ferry franchises at public auction on the 15th instant, and that the subject of disposing of said ferry leases and ferry franchises be laid upon the table, together with the aforesaid communications, for further consideration.

The Comptroller stated that he had appointed William Kennelly appraiser on the part of the City to determine the rent of premises No. 42 Chatham street on renewal of lease to Francis A. Leggett; when, on motion, the said appointment was approved and confirmed.

The Comptroller submitted the following communication from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the renewal of lease to the New York and New Haven Railroad Company, viz.:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
April 25, 1872.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—In answer to your resolution of the 22d instant requesting my opinion whether the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York are bound to renew the lease of the premises bounded by Centre, White, Elm and Franklin streets to the New York and New Haven Railroad, and whether the City is bound by the appraisal made in 1871, I beg leave to say the lease given by the Mayor, etc., to the New York and New Haven Railroad Company in September, 1850, for the term of twenty-one years from the 1st day of September, 1850, contains a covenant that at the expiration of the term therein named the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York will renew the said lease for a further period of twenty-one years, at a rent to be fixed and ascertained by two sworn appraisers, to be chosen one by the Mayor, etc., and one by the railroad company.

It appears that appraisers were duly appointed on the part of the company and on the part of the City by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on February 21, 1871.

That they were duly sworn, and made their award on the 18th May, 1871, determining the amount of the rent for the renewed term, pursuant to the provisions of the former lease.

The railroad company are therefore entitled to a renewal of said lease for a further term, at the rent so fixed by the appraisers.

It is within the power of the Commissioners, in my opinion, in their discretion, to waive the covenant restricting the use of the property to said railroad purposes, and to receive such increased rental as may be offered by the company in consideration of such waiver.

Yours truly,

(Signed) RICHARD O'GORMAN.

The communication was accepted, and, on motion of the Recorder, seconded by the Chamberlain, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund waive the condition of the former lease restricting the use of the property and accept the offer of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per annum, and order that a new lease be executed with the New York and New Haven Railroad Company for such premises, in accordance with the terms of their offer, at the annual rental of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per annum, the lease to contain all the covenants of the first term, excepting the covenant restricting the use of the premises to railroad purposes.

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

F. A. PALMER, Chamberlain.

C. C. PINCKNEY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 2, 1872.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office July 2, 1872.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The application of J. Ashton Depeyster for grant of land under water on the Harlem river, at One Hundred and Twenty-first street, was received and referred to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works.

The following applications for extension of time for payment of bonds and mortgages were received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power to extend the time, in his discretion, not to exceed two years, viz.:

Annie M. Gilon, \$7,000, on No. 557 Hudson street.

John Judd, \$7,000, on No. 7 Jackson street.

Thomas D. Bazley, \$8,530, on No. 115 Christopher street.

Julian V. Quillaird, \$4,970, on No. 131 Christopher street.

Ellen Beaman, \$2,065, lot on east side Fourth avenue, east of Seventy-eighth street.

John L. Duryea (John Keogh, mortgagor), \$4,690, lot southeast corner Eightieth street and Madison avenue.

J. N. & N. A. Williams (Brewster, Lawrence & Britton, mortgagors), \$13,500, lot Sixty-eighth street, 100 feet west of Fourth avenue.

Simon Steinberger, \$7,070, lot Seventy-eighth street, 100 feet east of Fifth avenue.

Mayer Steinberger, \$16,380, lots east side Fifth avenue, south of Eightieth street.

Mayer and Simon Steinberger, \$7,280, lots Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, east of Madison avenue.

Charles B. Wood, \$7,350, lots Sixty-seventh street, east of Madison avenue.

The Mayor submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That upon the Board of Fire Commissioners filing with the Comptroller a surrender of their interest in the Ann street engine-house, the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the right, title and interest of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty in and to the real estate situated in Ann street and known as the Ann street engine-house, being No. 28 Ann street, with power to advertise and select auctioneer. The conditions to be forty (40) per cent. cash and sixty (60) per cent. to remain on bond and mortgage, at seven per cent., for five years. Sale to be within thirty days from first advertisement.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks calling attention to a former communication (see minutes of March 25, 1872) notifying the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that "plans for the improvement of the water front" of the upper part of the City are ready for their inspection and approval, and requesting that a meeting be held for that purpose at as early a day as practicable; which was laid on the table.

An application was received from the Commissioners of Docks to change the plans for improving the water front of the City adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund April 27, 1871, so that the pier at foot of Thirty-fifth street, North river, may be built 60 feet wide instead of 80, as laid down on said plan.

On motion, the application was granted.

The Comptroller submitted the requisition of the Commissioners of Docks, dated June 19, 1872, "to pay to the order of William Wood, Treasurer *pro tem.* of the Department of Docks, the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) of the "proceeds of the Dock Bonds of the City of New York, issued by direction of the "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund upon the requisition of the Department of Docks, "dated September 28, 1871"; when, on motion of the Comptroller, it was

Resolved, That the aforesaid requisition of the Commissioners of Docks be countersigned by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as provided by subdivision 11 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871.

The Comptroller submitted the resignation of Bernard Kelly as appraiser on the part of the City to fix the value of premises occupied by the New York and Erie Railroad Company, mentioned and described in a lease between the Mayor, etc., of the City of New York and the New York and Erie Railroad Company, dated July 1, 1850; when, on motion, the resignation of Mr. Kelly was accepted, and the Comptroller was authorized to appoint an appraiser in his stead.

The application of the Weehawken Ferry Company (R. H. Lowe, Treasurer) to have lease of Weehawken Ferry to William D. Harris set aside and to have the lease

of said ferry made to said company, for reasons set forth in the application, was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report.

The application of Mrs. E. C. Cornell for the correction of a certain release of rents made by the City to H. W. Bell, dated May 28, 1862, was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The Comptroller submitted a grant for land under water on the Hudson river, at One Hundred and Thirteenth street, in favor of Peter Cooper, prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, which, on motion of the Recorder, was laid upon the table.

The Comptroller submitted a list of the parties who bid off leases of market cellars and other property at the sale at public auction April 23, 1872, and who have not complied with the terms and conditions of said sale; whereupon, on motion of the Mayor, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is requested to tender to the said parties leases of the premises bid off by them, respectively, on the 23d of April, 1872, at the sale by public auction, and, in case of default on their part to comply with the terms and conditions of the aforesaid sale, to take such action as, in his discretion, may seem proper to enforce a compliance with the said terms and conditions; and, in case of failure to secure such compliance on the part of either or all of said parties, that he have power to dispose of the premises bid off by them at the sale as aforesaid, by lease or otherwise, to May 1, 1873, as, in his judgment, may be for the best interests of the City.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

SOL. MEHRBACH, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 17, 1872.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the request of the Commissioners of Docks, at the Department of Docks, Nos. 346 and 348 Broadway, July 17, 1872.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

John T. Agnew, Esq., President of the Commissioners of Docks, stated that the object for which the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund were requested to meet was to examine the maps and plans for the improvement of the water front of the City from Sixtieth street, North river, around by Spuyten Duyvil creek and Harlem river to Grand street, East river, prepared under the direction of General George B. McClellan, Engineer-in-Chief, and adopted by the Commissioners of Docks.

The following maps were then submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for their examination and approval, viz.:

Map "C" (Sheets Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8)—From Grand to Fifty-first street, East river.

Map "E" (Sheets Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12)—From Fifty-first street, East river, around by Harlem river to Two Hundred and Thirteenth street, North river.

Map "D" (Sheets Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11)—From Two Hundred and Thirteenth street to Sixty-first street, North river.

After an examination of the aforesaid maps, on motion of the Mayor, it was

Resolved, That the said maps be referred to the Comptroller to examine and report at the next meeting.

Attention was called to the communication of the Commissioners of Docks, dated January 18, 1872, requesting that the Comptroller be directed to prepare and issue one

million dollars (\$1,000,000) of Dock Bonds for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks, submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund March 25, 1872, and laid over for consideration; whereupon the Mayor submitted the following resolution for consideration at the next meeting, *viz* :

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is directed to prepare and issue Dock Bonds of the City of New York to the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks.

On motion, adjourned to 31st instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned.

A. OAKLEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

C. C. PINCKNEY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 31, 1872.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office July 31, 1872.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The minutes of the meetings held May 13, July 2 and July 17, 1872, were read and approved.

The Comptroller stated that he had appointed Edward H. Ludlow instead of Bernard Kelly, resigned, appraiser on behalf of the Corporation of the City of New York to fix the value of the land bounded by Duane, Reade, West and Washington streets under the terms of the lease from the City to the Erie Railroad Company; when, on motion, the said appointment was approved and confirmed.

The application of the Police Department for permission "to use the Eighteenth Ward Market as a storehouse, etc., for the Street Cleaning Bureau" was received and, on motion of the Mayor, referred to the Comptroller and the Recorder to investigate as to the legal status of the property relative to its sale for other purposes than a public market.

A communication was received from D. McMahon, Esq., offering to sell certain "water rights and lands under water around Ward's Island" to the Corporation of the City of New York; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

A communication was received from the Department of Public Instruction notifying the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the passage of the following resolution by said Department, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and they hereby are notified that the Department of Public Instruction of the City of New York, through the Commissioners known as the Board of Public Instruction, in pursuance of chapter 584 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed May 7, 1872, has selected and does hereby designate as necessary for the erection of a building or buildings for public school purposes the entire portion of the lands and premises acquired under or by virtue of section 2 of chapter 410 of the Laws of 1870, entitled "An Act to provide for a Police Court House in the City of New York," passed April 27, 1870.

On motion, the communication was ordered on file.

The Comptroller stated that in consequence of numerous and pressing public duties and engagements he had not been able to prepare a report on Maps C, E and D for the improvement of the water front of the upper portion of the City, submitted at the last meeting and referred to him for examination, and as the subject was one of great importance, suggested that further time be allowed for its consideration.

After a general discussion of the subject, in which the Comptroller, the Mayor, the Recorder, the President of the Department of Docks and the Engineer-in-Chief (General McClellan) participated, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject be laid over to the first Wednesday of September next.

The Mayor called up for consideration the resolution submitted by him at the last meeting authorizing the Comptroller to prepare and issue one million dollars (\$1,000,000) Dock Bonds for the uses and purposes of the Dock Department.

The Comptroller moved to amend the resolution by fixing the amount of bonds to be issued at five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

The question on the proposed amendment was taken by yeas and nays and lost, the Mayor, the Recorder and the Chamberlain voting in the negative and the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen in the affirmative.

The Recorder moved to amend the resolution by adding the words "from time to time, as requested by the Commissioners of Docks," which was accepted by the Mayor; when the question on the resolution as amended was taken by yeas and nays and unanimously adopted as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is directed to prepare and issue Dock Bonds of the City of New York, from time to time, as requested by the Commissioners of Docks, to the amount of one million dollars, for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks.

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The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, with the concurrence of the Commissioner of Public Works, fixed the minimum price of lot No. 28 Ann street, advertised to be sold at public auction on the 5th of August next, at \$26,000.

On motion, adjourned to the first Wednesday in September next (September 4).

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

F. A. PALMER, Chamberlain.

C. C. PINCKNEY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1872.

Present—The Mayor and the Comptroller.

No quorum.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 16, 1872.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office October 16, 1872.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with.

The Comptroller stated that there was this day a balance of \$1,047,651.77, as reported by the Chamberlain, to the credit of the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," and that the amount required for payment of Interest on City Bonds and Stocks from this fund for the balance of this year is \$213,130.65, leaving a surplus in said fund of \$834,521.12, and recommended that the sum of \$750,000 be transferred to the "General Fund of the City of New York," in accordance with the provisions of chapter 163, Laws of 1862; when, on motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of Francis A. Palmer, Chamberlain, for the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be charged to the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of "Surplus Revenues" of said fund for the year 1872, and credited to the "General Fund" of the City, in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to accept immediate payment of Bond No. 1, for three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and No. 2, for one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, making together the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) Family Aid Fund Bonds, No. 8, of the City of New York, payable November 1, 1872, held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on account of the "Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt."

The Recorder submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested forthwith to take all necessary measures to summarily eject all persons who have obtruded upon certain lands formerly owned by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and generally known as part of the Fort Gansevoort property, and a portion of which were, by the said Corporation, sold to Bradish Johnson on or about the 21st October, 1867, at public auction.

The following applications for grants of land under water were received and referred, in accordance with the Sinking Fund ordinance, to the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Public Works, viz. :

Application of John B. Stratton and Jarvis Johnson for water grant on the East river, between Summit and Rapelyea streets, Brooklyn.

Application of William A. Raynor for water grant (creek running into Harlem river) at One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street and Eighth avenue.

Application of Benjamin A. Willis for water grant on Harlem river at One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Fourth avenue.

Application of Charles C. Taber and Henry M. Taber for water grant on the North river, between One Hundred and Seventeenth and One Hundred and Eighteenth streets (renewed).

Adjourned.

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
F. A. PALMER, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 14, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office January 14, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

On motion of the Comptroller, the Mayor was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

On motion of the Comptroller, W. H. Dikeman was appointed Clerk for the ensuing year.

The following applications for water grants were received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report, viz.:

Application of Benjamin A. Willis for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-seventh and One Hundred and Fortieth streets.

Application of Josiah Macy's Sons for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets.

Report of the Recorder in the matter of the application of Eliza A. H. Sayre and Mary Jane Hall for water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Application of Rev. Alexander McLean for use of vacant station-house, No. 352 West Thirty-fifth street, until March 1, 1873, rent free, to be used as a "nightly shelter" for sober persons who may apply for the same, was received and, on motion, the application was granted and the Comptroller authorized to carry the same into effect.

Application of New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company for lease of ferry foot of Grand street, New York, was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Application of New York and Long Island Ferry Company for lease of the slip at the foot of Houston street for ferry purposes was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Application of John Elder, Jr., to lease or rent the premises No. 53 Spring street, formerly occupied as Fourteenth Ward station-house, was received and, on motion, laid over for consideration.

Application of Margaret A. Francis for extension of time for payment of bond and mortgage on No. 242 South street was received and, on motion, the application was granted.

Application of Webster and Fisher to rent rooms in No. 19 Chatham street (not required by Board of Assessors) was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to rent said room, in his discretion.

The Comptroller submitted the award of the umpire designated by the appraisers in the case as to the value of the Block of land bounded by West, Reade, Washington and Duane streets, leased by the Corporation to the Erie Railroad Company; when, on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the valuation of the premises bounded by West street, Reade street, Washington street and Duane street as fixed by the umpire appointed in pursuance of the terms of the lease to the Erie Railroad Company, dated July 1, 1850, at two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) be accepted by this Board on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York; and the Comptroller is authorized to collect the rent from the Erie Railway Company from November 1, 1868, at the rate of eleven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$11,250) per annum, without further delay.

A communication was received from James M. Waterbury, and also one from F. W. Geisenhainer, Jr., in relation to the Houston Street Ferry, which, on motion, were referred to the Comptroller.

The proposition of William Jay Haskett to sell \$8,000 six per cent. Soldiers Bounty Fund Bonds of the County of New York, payable in 1888, at 97 flat, was received and, on motion, accepted, and the Comptroller authorized to carry the same into effect.

The following resolution was submitted and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to

invest any moneys of the "Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt" in any issue of stocks and bonds of the Corporation or County of New York.*

The opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation (R. O'Gorman) "in relation to the "title to land under water below low-water mark" was received and, on motion, laid over.

Application of William S. Lyon to purchase "Sunken Meadow" (Hell Gate), East river, was received and, on motion, laid over.

A petition, numerously signed by property-owners and residents of the Seventh Ward of New York and Fifth Ward of Brooklyn, for the re-establishment of the ferry from the foot of Jackson street, New York, to Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, was received and, on motion, laid over.

A communication from the Department of Docks recommending the purchase of dock property foot of Montgomery street, East river; also one of a subsequent date withdrawing the former, were received and, on motion, laid over.

Application of Commissioners of Docks for the consent of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to change the plan for the improvement of the water front and harbor of New York as adopted by said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund April 27, 1871, "so as to admit of the driving of piles and erecting thereon a platform in the slip "between the south side of Pier No. 31, North river, and the ferry rack of the Pavonia "Ferry," was received and, on motion, laid over.

The following bills were presented and, on motion, approved and ordered paid, viz.:
William Kennelly—

April, 1872, for appraising lot No. 46 Chatham street.....	\$50 00
August, 1872, for auction and exchange fees, sale of No. 28 Ann street..	28 00
	<u>\$78 00</u>

E. H. Ludlow & Co.—

Commission, appraising block of ground bounded by Washington, West, Duane and Reade streets, per agreement, \$600; one-half to be paid by Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.....	<u>\$300 00</u>
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Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOSEPH P. STRACK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

* See February 21, 1873. W. H. D.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 18, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office February 18, 1873.

Present—The Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of both Boards.

In the absence of the Mayor, on motion of the Recorder, the Comptroller was appointed Chairman *pro tem*.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, the Comptroller was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Recorder, submitted at the last meeting, "in the matter of the application of Eliza A. H. Sayre "and Mary Jane Hall for water grant on the Harlem river."

The Mayor arrived and took the chair.

The Comptroller submitted a report on the application of J. B. Stratton and Jarvis Johnson for water grant on the East river, between Summit and Rapelyea streets, Brooklyn, which, after some discussion as to the consideration recommended to be fixed for said grant, was, on motion of the Comptroller, referred to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report as to the value of the interest of the City in the premises to be granted.

The application of the Ladies' Union Aid Society of the M. E. Church for lease of lots for a location was received and, on motion, referred to the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to consider and report.

The application of Benjamin A. Willis for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-eighth and One Hundred and Forty-first streets, and

The application of Maria L. Daly for water grant on "Sherman's creek," Harlem river, between Naegle and Post avenues, were received, and, on motion of the Recorder, were referred to the Council to the Corporation to investigate the title of the City to the premises for which grants are applied for.

A petition, numerously signed by property-owners and residents of the Seventh Ward of New York and Fifth Ward of Brooklyn, for the re-establishment of the ferry from foot of Jackson street, New York, to Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up, and, on motion, referred to the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine and report.

Application of "Coyle, Copeland and Faning," to be refunded Croton water rent in consequence of destruction of premises by fire, paid in 1868, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion in the case.

A communication was received from William H. Prichard, attorney, etc., in relation to water grant applied for by George D. Post on the North river, between One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, which, on motion, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion in the case.

Notice of appointment of Sidney Wintringham, appraiser, on the part of the lessee, to fix the rent of premises Nos. 48 and 50 Chatham street, on renewal of lease to Rinier V. Mooney, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Mayor to appoint the appraisers on behalf of the City.

The Comptroller submitted his report on the application of the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company for lease of Grand Street Ferry, which, on motion, was laid over for consideration.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to furnish this Board with a list of City property, including ferries and ferry franchises, not leased, or the leases of which will expire on the 1st of May next, and not required for public purposes.

The application of Morty Forham to be refunded interest paid on bond and mortgage on lots purchased at auction October 21, 1867 (Fort Gansevoort property), was received, and, on motion, laid on the table.

(Application of William S. Lyon to purchase "Sunken Meadow" (Hell Gate) East river, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Application of Rev. Alex. McLean for use of vacant station-house No. 352 West Thirty-fifth street as a "Nightly Shelter," for sober persons who may apply for such charity, was received, and, on motion, laid over.

A communication from W. C. Traphagen in relation to the omission of certain words in his notice of August 10, 1871, under his contract of July 20, 1871, was received, and, on motion, laid over.

On motion, adjourned to Friday next (21st instant) at 3 o'clock P. M.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOSEPH P. STRACK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 21, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office February 21, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the report of the Comptroller in the matter of the application of J. B. Stratton and Jarvis Johnson for water grant on the East river, between Summit and Rapelyea streets, Brooklyn, to examine and report as to the value of the interest of the City in the premises to be granted, submitted his report, recommending the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to cause a grant to be issued to Messrs. John B. Stratton and Jarvis Johnson of the land below the original line of high-water on the East river, in front of the upland owned by them, between Summit and Rapelyea streets, Brooklyn, extending to the centre line of Van Brunt street, containing the usual covenants and conditions, for the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), upon satisfactory proof of ownership.

On motion of the Comptroller, the resolution was adopted (see report on file)

The Comptroller submitted a grant of the land under water on the North river, between One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets.

prepared in accordance with resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, adopted August 18, 1871, to Peter Cooper, which, on motion of the Recorder, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion in the case.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be directed to prepare a list of all applications for water rights remaining unacted upon by this Board, and the date when such applications were presented.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of Francis A. Palmer, Chamberlain, for the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), to be charged to the Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt, on account of surplus revenues of said fund, for the year 1872, and credited to the General Fund of the City, in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862.

The Comptroller submitted requisitions of the Commissioners of Docks amounting in the aggregate to the sum of sixty-five thousand four hundred and fifty-seven dollars and eighty cents (\$65,457.80), and offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the following requisitions of the Department of Docks, viz.:

Requisition dated January 14, 1873, for.....	\$31,893 29
Requisition dated January 31, 1873, for.....	17,059 33
Requisition dated January 31, 1873, for.....	14,230 87
Requisition dated February 11, 1873, for.....	2,274 31
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—amounting in the aggregate to sixty-five thousand four hundred and fifty-seven dollars and eighty cents, be countersigned by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in pursuance of provisions of law contained in chapter 574, section 6, subdivision 11, Laws of 1871.

On motion of the Comptroller, the Mayor was associated with him in making investments on account of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of City Debt, as authorized by resolution of this Board adopted January 14, 1873.

The Comptroller stated the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in relation to the claims of Messrs. Bleecker, Muller and Palmer, committee, for their

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services and expenses in appraising the value of the real estate of the City, when on motion, the subject was laid on the table.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 26, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 26, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of both Boards.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted a report, in response to a resolution of this Board adopted at the last meeting, containing a list of City property, including ferries and ferry franchises not leased, or the leases of which have expired or will expire May 1, 1873, which was accepted and placed on file, and the following resolutions, submitted therewith, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

(1) Resolved, That the reports of the appraisers, appointed in pursuance of the provisions of the leases of the premises hereinafter named, be accepted, and the rents fixed by said reports, adopted; and that leases be prepared in accordance therewith by the Counsel to the Corporation, viz.:

No. 46 Chatham Street—

Peter Lorillard, lessee; lease assigned to Francis A. Leggett; annual	
rent on renewal.....	\$1,375 00

Nos. 54, 56 and 58 Chatham Street—

Rinier V. Mooney, lessee; annual rent on renewal.....	2,300 00
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No. 66 Chatham Street—

Executors of Mary Jackson, lessees; lease transferred to James	
Keane; annual rent on renewal.....	1,250 00

Nos. 57 and 59 Chatham Street—

Adam D. Logan, lessee; annual rent on renewal.....	1,200 00
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Nos. 85 and 87 Chatham Street—

John Moss and Thomas S. Woodruff, lessees; annual rent on renewal	\$1,250 00
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Premises Southwest corner of Peck Slip and Front Street—

Philip M. Lydig, lessee; annual rent on renewal.....	480 00
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Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to carry the foregoing resolution into effect and deliver the leases to the aforesaid parties.

(2) Resolved, That lots No. 160 Wooster street, No. 53 Spring street, No. 352 West Thirty-fifth street, No. 49 Leonard street, and land on Avenue C, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets (known as Eighteenth Ward Market), with the buildings thereon, be sold at public auction on the 29th day of April, 1873, and that the Comptroller be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for said sale.

(3) Resolved, That the ferries and ferry franchises, the leases of which have expired or will expire on or before the 1st day of May next, as stated in the foregoing report of the Comptroller, viz.:

Ferry now established from foot of Houston street, East river, New York, to foot of Grand street, Brooklyn, E. D.

Ferry now established from foot of Grand street, New York, to foot of Grand street, Brooklyn, E. D.

Ferry now established from foot of Ninety-second street, East river, to Astoria, Long Island.

Lease of franchise of ferry now established from foot of Barclay street, North river, New York, to Hoboken, New Jersey; and

Lease of franchise of ferry now established from foot of Desbrosses street, North river, New York, to foot of Harsimus street, Jersey City, New Jersey, be leased on sealed bids, to be publicly opened at the Comptroller's Office, on the 29th day of April next, for the term of ten years, from the 1st day of May, 1873; the Commissioners reserving the right to reject any bid, if in their judgment necessary to protect the interests of the City; and that the Comptroller be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to carry this resolution into effect.

The Comptroller submitted a "List of applications for water grants unacted upon by this Board, and the date when such applications were presented," prepared by the Clerk of this Board in accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting; when, on motion, it was ordered that the same be printed (see list on file).

The following applications for water grants were received, referred for consideration, and, on motion, added to the before-mentioned list, viz.:

Application of Stephen Roberts for grant on Harlem river, northeast corner of One Hundred and Twenty-third street and Avenue A.

Application of Sophia Furniss for grant on North river, between Ninety-ninth and One Hundredth streets; and

Application of Edward S. Bull for grant on creek running into Harlem river at One Hundred and Fifty-first street and Eighth avenue.

A communication was received from Nathaniel Terpeny in relation to his application for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-third and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, submitted February 4, 1869, which on motion, was filed with his aforesaid application.

The Comptroller submitted the application of Charles G. Cornell for grant of or quit-claim to land under water at One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, received and referred for examination February 17, 1869, and moved that the same be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion in the case, which, on motion, was adopted.

The Comptroller submitted the application of Dillon, Clyde & Co. to rent vacant lots on Fourth avenue, between Sixty-fifth and Sixty-seventh streets, at twenty dollars (\$20) per lot per annum, and to vacate the same after sixty days' notice by this Board, which, on motion, was referred to the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

Application of executors of James B. Danforth for assignment of bond and mortgage on Pier 44, North river, held by the City, on payment of the same, was received and, on motion, granted, and the Comptroller authorized to cause the assignment to be made without cost to the City.

Application of "Board of Police" for lots Nos. 161 and 162 East Fifty-first street (formerly occupied by a bell tower), for location for station-house for the Nineteenth Precinct, was received, and, on motion, laid over for consideration.

Application of Henry Bryan for reduction of rent or cancellation of lease of premises in Fulton Market, corner of Beekman and Front streets, was received, and, on motion, the Clerk was directed to return said application to Mr. Bryan, this Board not having power to grant the same.

The Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the application of the Ladies' Union Aid Society of the

M. E. Church, for lots for location for building, respectfully made explanatory statements in relation to said application; when, on motion, the subject was laid over to the next meeting.

*A communication was received from John T. Agnew, President of the Commissioners of Docks, transmitting, to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for safe keeping, " Letters patent, issued under date of September 28, 1871, by the State of New York, to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, " of all the right, title and interest of the People of said State in and to the land " under water around the City of New York, out to a point a short distance beyond " the proposed pier head line "; when, on motion, the said letters patent and accompanying map were ordered to be filed and preserved with the records of this Board.

The Comptroller submitted the bill of Homer Morgan, appraiser, on the part of the City, to fix the rent of Nos. 54, 56 and 58 Chatham street, on renewal of lease, amounting to \$112.50, which, on motion, was ordered paid.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, stated meetings of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund shall be held monthly, on the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

F. A. PALMER, Chamberlain.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. VAN SCHAIK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

JOSEPH P. STRACK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

* Placed for safe keeping, with the Bonds and Mortgages, in the safe. W. H. D.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 15, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 15, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following applications for water grants, viz.:

Application of Adam Neidlinger and others for a water grant on the East river, between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets; and

Application of the executors of Peter Schermerhorn for water grant on the East river, southeast corner of Sixty-fourth street.

On motion of the Recorder, the aforesaid applications were referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to investigate the title of the City to the premises included in the grants applied for.

The Recorder referred to his report in the matter of the application of Mrs. Sayre and Miss Hall for a water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, submitted to this Board January 14, 1873; whereupon the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid over for consideration, viz.:

“Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Mrs. Sayre and Miss Mary Hall be denied as far as admitting any right to the property in them or either of them, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby directed to commence such proceedings as to him and William C. Traphagen, Esq., shall appear advisable under the contract of the 20th day of July, 1871, for the recovery, by the Corpora-

"tion of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York of all the
 "property in said petition described, and of all property or rights of property
 "claimed and held adversely to it, and to which the legal title is in it (the said
 "Corporation), under the charters, grants and laws according to the reasoning of the
 "Recorder in his report to this Board dated November 13, 1872."

The application of Julius Johnson, lessee of basement No. 1 Fulton Market, for reduction of rent, was received, and, on motion, the application was denied.

The Chamberlain submitted the following report on the application of Dillon, Clyde & Co. to rent lots on Fourth avenue, between Sixty-fifth and Sixty-seventh streets, referred to the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, viz.:

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The Chamberlain reports against the application, and would recommend that the lots be sold at public auction within sixty days, with all other unimproved property owned by the City of New York.

F. A. PALMER, Chamberlain.

On motion, the report was accepted and the application denied.

The Comptroller offered the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to rent the vacant lots belonging to the Corporation on Fourth avenue, between Sixty-fifth and Sixty-seventh streets, to the best advantage, to be vacated on thirty days' notice from this Board.

Which was not adopted, the Mayor and the Comptroller voting in the affirmative, and the Recorder, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen in the negative.

The Comptroller made some explanatory remarks in relation to the subject; when, on motion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, the aforesaid resolution was reconsidered and laid over to the next meeting.

The Comptroller submitted an appraisement of the real estate advertised to be sold at public auction on the 29th instant; which, on motion, was adopted as the minimum price, below which the said premises are not to be sold, viz.:

No. 160 Wooster street, 23.9 by 75, with improvements.....	\$14,000 00
No. 53 Spring street, 25.4 by 123, with improvements.....	22,500 00
No. 49 Leonard street, 25 by 100, with improvements.....	22,500 00
No. 352 West Thirty-fifth street, 25 by 98.9, with improvements.....	14,500 00
And Eighteenth Ward Market, land, etc., with improvements.....	<u>235,000 00</u>

The Comptroller called attention to the matter of the claims of the committee appointed May 1, 1871, to appraise the value of the real estate of the City and County of New York, for their services, and referred to the action taken by this Board in relation to this subject; when, on motion of the Recorder, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller having fixed the compensation of said committee for their services at the sum of three thousand each, we recommend that the same be allowed by the Board of Apportionment.

The Comptroller submitted a communication, with map, from Samuel L. M. Barlow, Esq., relating to alterations and additions necessary to be made at the foot of Houston street (Ferry), which, on motion, was laid over for consideration.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

F. A. PALMER, Chamberlain.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 29, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 29, 1873.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Proposals for leasing the ferries and ferry franchises for ten years from May 1, 1873, received in response to the advertisement of the Comptroller, as authorized by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, dated April 12, 1873, were publicly opened by the Comptroller and announced as follows, viz.:

BIDS FOR LEASES OF FERRIES AND FERRY FRANCHISES FOR TEN YEARS FROM MAY 1, 1873.

Ferries.

Houston Street Ferry—

William Smith, at the yearly rent of \$10,000 per annum.

James M. Waterbury, at the yearly rent of \$5,550 per annum.

Francis Swift, at the yearly rent of \$5,000 per annum.

New York and Long Island Ferry Company, at the yearly rent of \$3,650.

Grand Street Ferry—

The Peoples' Ferry Company, at the yearly rent of \$3,500 per annum.

New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company, at the yearly rent of \$1,000 per annum.

Francis Swift, at the yearly rent of \$900 per annum.

Ninety-second Street Ferry—

Francis Swift, at the yearly rent of \$500 per annum.

Thomas J. Crumbie, at the yearly rent of \$100 per annum.

*Ferry Franchises.***Barclay Street Ferry—**

Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, at the yearly rent of \$1,100 per annum.

Cambridge Livingston, at the yearly rent of \$1,000 per annum.

Desbrosses Street Ferry—

New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, at the yearly rent of \$1,000 per annum.

On motion, the consideration of the aforesaid proposals were laid over until to-morrow at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Comptroller stated that he had adjourned the auction sale of real estate, held as per advertisement this day at 12 o'clock M. (No. 160 Wooster street having first been bid off by Nathan Blum for \$15,500) to the 26th day of May, 1873.

On motion, the action of the Comptroller in adjourning the sale as aforesaid was approved.

The resolution authorizing the Mayor to rent the vacant lots belonging to the Corporation on Fourth avenue, between Sixty-fifth and Sixty-seventh streets, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up for consideration; whereupon the Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, viz.:

“Resolved, That the unoccupied lots belonging to the City situated upon the site of the old Hamilton Square be appraised in due form and the Comptroller be directed to sell the same at public auction as usual in such cases.”

Which was not adopted, the Recorder, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen voting in the affirmative; and the Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Assistant Aldermen voting in the negative.

On motion of the Comptroller, the Mayor was authorized to grant permission to Messrs. Dillon, Clyde & Co. to occupy and use the vacant lots on Fourth avenue, between Sixty-fifth and Sixty-seventh streets, for the purpose of depositing earth, etc., thereon, to be cleared off and vacated upon thirty days' notice from this Board, at such rent as he may judge suitable and proper.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen called up the resolution submitted by him at the last meeting, directing the Counsel to the Corporation to commence such proceedings as to him and William C. Traphagen, Esq., shall appear advisable, under the contract of the 20th of July, 1871, for the recovery of certain property described in the petition of Mrs. Sayre and Miss Mary

Hall for water grant on Harlem river, at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, etc.; which, after discussion, was, on motion, laid over for consideration.

The Comptroller stated that from the record of the proceedings of this Board of October 12, 1870, it appeared that John McKeon, Esq., was employed as standing counsel to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at annual fees not exceeding five thousand dollars, except otherwise specially ordered; and as there exists no occasion for the services of such standing counsel, he submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, passed October 12, 1870, as is embraced in the following words, viz.: "That John McKeon, Esq., be employed as standing counsel to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at annual fees not exceeding five thousand dollars, except otherwise specially ordered," be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

A communication from the Commissioners of Docks requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to take action upon the plans for the improvement of the water front, from Sixtieth street, North river, by Spuyten Duyvil creek and Harlem river, to Grand street, East river, submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund March 23, 1872, was received, and on motion, laid on the table.

A communication was received from St. Vincent Ferrer's Temperance Benevolent Society of New York for permission to erect a frame building on Hamilton Square, to be used as a practice-room for the band composed of members of said society, which, on motion, was referred to the Commissioners of Parks.

A communication was received from William Jay Haskett requesting that an express condition be made in the lease of the Grand street ferry in relation to boats, fare of passengers, etc., which, on motion, was laid over to the next meeting.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, 30th instant, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
F. A. PALMER, Chamberlain.
J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 1, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office July 1, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the proposals for leases of ferries and ferry franchises, received at the last meeting and laid over for consideration; whereupon it was

Resolved, That said proposals be referred to a committee consisting of the Comptroller and the Chamberlain to consider and report.

The application of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company (owners of the Hoboken Ferry) for enlarged accommodations for the ferry at Christopher street, New York, was received, and, on motion, referred to the above-named committee, to consider and report.

The application of T. Francis Gibbons to rent vacant engines-houses No. 160 Wooster street, No. 49 Leonard street, No. 53 Spring street and No. 352 West Thirty-fifth street, was received and referred to the Comptroller.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a statement or account of all the real and leasehold estate and other property and franchises owned by the Corporation be prepared, to be accompanied by diagrams showing the form and dimensions of each lot or separate

parcel of property, and that one thousand copies of the same be printed under the direction of the Comptroller.

The Comptroller submitted a list of bills for advertising, printing and sundry miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on account of sales of real estate, leases of ferry franchises and for other purposes, which, on motion, were ordered paid (see list on file).

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The whole of the second floor of Centre Market was leased by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the term of five years from May 1, 1872, to William Lalor, and the southerly portion of such floor, except that part which had been rented by Lalor previous to July 18, 1872, is required for public purposes, to be used and occupied as and for an armory; therefore be it

Resolved, That the lease made by the City with William Lalor on May 7, 1872, be canceled, in accordance with the provisions contained therein, and that the Comptroller of the City of New York, be authorized to execute a new lease to William Lalor of the portions of such second floor of Centre Market as are not required for the armory for the balance of the existing term, the rent to be fixed at such an amount as will be proportionate to the rent originally reserved for the whole floor.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to notify John McKeon, Esq., of the action of this Board at its last meeting in rescinding that portion of the resolution passed October 12, 1870, authorizing his employment as standing counsel to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office September 5, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the Chamberlain was appointed a committee to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and report.

The following applications for water grants were received, and, on motion, laid upon the table until the report of the Counsel to the Corporation on applications of a like character, referred to him for his opinion, is received, viz.:

Application of John A. Haven for water grants on the Hudson river, between One Hundred and Seventy-third and One Hundred and Seventy-sixth streets, and between One Hundred and Seventy-sixth and One Hundred and Seventy-eighth streets.

Application of H. A. Burr for water grant on the North river, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets.

Application of Henry P. McGown for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Eighth and One Hundred and Tenth streets.

Application of John Jones Schermerhorn and others for water grants on East river, between Seventy-second and Seventy-third streets.

Application of Stephen Smith for water grant (or quit-claim) on East river, between Fourth and Fifth streets.

Adam Neidinger appeared before the Commissioners and was heard in relation to application for water grant on the East river, between Sixty-third and Sixty-

fourth streets, received April 15, 1873, and referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

Action was deferred until the Counsel to the Corporation reports on the case.

The application of Charles G. Cornell for water grant on One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues (Harlem river), with accompanying report of the Counsel to the Corporation, was submitted, and, on motion, laid on the table for future consideration.

The application of Henry Hanfield, one of the sureties of Henry Bryan, lessee of cellars Nos. 14 and 15 Fulton Market, to have said lease canceled, and that he may be relieved from further responsibilities in the case, was received. Mr. Hanfield appeared before the Commissioners and stated that the cellars in question are closed, Mr. Bryan having left the country; he therefore requested to be released from further responsibility as surety of said lessee on paying the rent now due.

On motion, the application was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

A. Oakey Hall appeared as counsel on behalf of Bradish Johnson and was heard in relation to the sale of certain lots of the Fort Gansevoort property, bid off by said Johnson at the sale at public auction October 21, 1867, the deed for which has not been delivered, and proposed to complete the purchase by payment of the balance of the purchase money, less the amount of interest on the 10 per cent. paid on the day of sale.

On motion, the subject was referred to the Comptroller to ascertain the facts in the case and report.

A statement of "sales of real estate not closed" was submitted, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The following preamble and resolution were submitted, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Whereas, In the opinion of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, it is doubtful whether an authority is conferred on them by law to pay out of the revenues of either of the "Sinking Funds" any moneys for expenses incurred by them in the late effort, on the 29th of April, 1873, to sell property of the City (the effort having produced no sale, and consequently no proceeds were received therefrom), the said revenues being pledged for certain special objects, from which they cannot be lawfully diverted; therefore

Resolved, That the bills for printing, advertising and sundry miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on account of sales

of real estate and leases of ferries and ferry franchises, and for other purposes, on April 29, 1873, be referred to the Comptroller, with the request that he provide for their payment out of taxation.

An act of the Legislature (chapter 431, Laws of 1873) for providing a site for an armory in the City of New York for the use of the Seventh Regiment of the National Guard of the State of New York, was submitted, and, on motion, placed on file.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office September 20, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller stated that on the 13th instant there was a balance of \$965,190.77 to the credit of the Sinking Fund for Payment of the Interest on City Debt, and recommended that \$600,000 of said balance be transferred to the General Fund of the City, in accordance with chapter 163, Laws of 1862; when, on motion, the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of George W. Lane, Chamberlain for the sum of six hundred thousand dollars, to be charged to "the Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt" on account of the surplus revenues of said fund for the year 1873, and credited to the "General Fund" of the City, in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 11, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office October 11, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The application of "The Butchers' Hide and Melting Association" for water grant on the East river, between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets; and of "The Orphan Asylum" for water grant on the Hudson river, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fifth streets, were received, and on motion, laid over for consideration.

The committee (G. W. Lane, Chamberlain) appointed September 5, 1873, to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was unanimously accepted and ordered printed, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The undersigned having been appointed at a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held September 5, 1873, a committee to examine the securities held by said Commissioners, and having given careful attention to the duty imposed on him, now respectfully

Reports that the investments of the Sinking Fund in the bonds and stocks of the City and County of New York, amounting on the 30th day of August, 1873, to the sum of \$23,660,146.80 (of which amount \$87,000 were represented by the customary receipts of the Chamberlain, pending the printing and execution of the bonds), were by personal inspection found to be correct.

That at the same date there was in the depository banks to the credit of "The Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt" the further sum of \$208,040.13 in cash.

And that at the same date there were bonds and mortgages for the further sum of \$772,776.67, to which may be added two mortgages for \$7,500 and \$390, respectively, sent some years since to the office of the Corporation Counsel and for which the present Counsel to the Corporation has caused search to be instituted, making an aggregate amount of \$780,666.67, the net proceeds of which, when collected, are paid to "The Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt."

In conclusion I submit the following recapitulation of the assets of the Sinking Fund on the 30th day of August, 1873:

Cash.	\$208,040 13	
Less outstanding warrants at above date.....	101,900 00	
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		\$106,140 13
Bonds and stocks, City and County.....	23,660,146 80	
Bonds and mortgages.....	780,666 67	
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		\$24,546,953 60
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Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. LANE, Chamberlain.

New York October 11, 1873.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to invite Messrs. Robert Lennox Kennedy, President of National Bank of Commerce; Shepherd Knapp, President of Mechanics' National Bank; and Jacob D. Vermilye, President of Merchants' National Bank, to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Comptroller reported progress on "Statement of sales of real estate not closed," referred to him September 5, 1873.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 13, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office November 13, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following communication from the Commissioners of Docks, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, }
November 1, 1873. }

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to advise that at a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held this day, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, This Department having decided to proceed with the work of building new Piers Nos. 44, 45 and 46, North river, with adjoining bulkheads, it is deemed advisable that an alteration be made in the width of new Piers Nos. 42, 43 and 44, North river, as laid down on the plans adopted by this Department, as well as of the pier proposed to be built at the foot of Forty-third street, North river; be it therefore

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of the Act passed May 16, 1872, entitled an Act to amend certain provisions of law relating to wharves, piers and bulkheads in the City of New York, application be made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to change the plans as adopted by said Commissioners, and the Commissioners of Docks, so that ten (10) feet may be added to the southerly side of new Piers Nos. 43 and 44, North river, making the width of each of said piers fifty feet instead of forty feet, and that the width of new Pier No. 42, North river, be reduced from one hundred feet to ninety feet, taking ten feet from the northerly side of said pier. Also, that the proposed pier at the foot of Forty-third street.

North river, be sixty feet wide (the width of the street) instead of forty feet as at present laid down; and that tracings of the piers, referred to be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

(Tracings of the piers referred to filed.)

On motion of the Recorder, it was

Resolved, That the permission of this Board be given the Commissioners of Docks to make the proposed changes in the width of the piers designated in said communication.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the premises known as the Eighteenth Ward Market, No. 40 Leonard street and No. 61 Thompson street, be and the same are hereby set apart and appropriated for temporary use during the winter of 1873-4 by the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, such occupation to continue during the pleasure of this Board.

The Comptroller submitted the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation relative to the authority of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to convey to the York Bridge Company certain property; which, on motion, was ordered on file; whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to deliver to the New York Bridge Company the deed for the sites of such bridge required to be taken on the Brooklyn and New York shores of the East river, upon the payment into the Treasury of two hundred and two thousand dollars, together with whatever liens may have accrued since the date of the agreements for the sale of such premises.

The Comptroller also submitted the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation relative to the authority of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to sell the real estate of the City, especially land under water; which, on motion, was ordered on file; whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That all applications for grants of land under water be referred to the Comptroller, who is hereby authorized to confer with the Department of Docks and to report to this Board upon the propriety of issuing any such grants at the present time.

The application of Elisha Riggs for water grant on Hudson river, between Two Hundred and Fourteenth and Two Hundred and Twenty-first streets, was received and referred to the Comptroller.

A communication was received from Josiah Macy's Sons in relation to application for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets, which was referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 10, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 10, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chamberlain submitted the report of Messrs. Robert Lenox Kennedy and James D. Vermilye, Esqrs., who, together with Shepherd Knapp, Esq., were invited by the Mayor, in accordance with a resolution of this Board, adopted October 11, 1873, to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund: when, on motion, the report was accepted and ordered on file.

(Mr. Knapp was unable to meet with the other members of the Committee.)

On motion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Messrs. Kennedy and Vermilye for their labors in making so thorough and satisfactory an examination of the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
December 10, 1873.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of Henry Hanfield, one of the sureties of Henry Bryan, lessee of cellars Nos. 14 and 15 Fulton Market, to have said lease canceled, and to be relieved from further responsibility in the case, having considered the subject,

Reports that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have no authority to relieve Mr. Hanfield from his contract or responsibility as surety for Henry Bryan, lessee of said market cellars, and therefore recommends that the application be denied.

Respectfully,

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The application of Henry P. McGown for quit-claim of the land under water front of three gores of land on the southerly side of Harlem creek, between Second avenue and Harlem river, was received and referred to the Comptroller.

The petition of James Boorman Johnson for the issue of water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets, authorized March 2, 1868, was received and referred to the Comptroller.

The application of William Heyenga for return of a portion of the Croton water rent paid on Nos. 170 and 172 Centre street for the year ending April 30, 1874, the buildings on said premises having been destroyed by fire August 12, 1873, was received, and, on motion, denied.

The petition of the Trustees of the Children's Aid Society for return of amount paid for permit to build street vault in front of the premises on the corner of New Chambers and Duane streets occupied by said society as a newsboy's lodging house, was received, and, on motion, denied.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to deliver the deed for Parcel No. 1, sale of April, 1867, upon which a tender of the consideration has been made, upon payment into the Treasury of the amount of principal and interest from the date of sale to the time of tender, together with all incumbrances due upon the property at the delivery of the deed.

The Chamberlain submitted the following communication from Bradish Johnson, Esq.:

NEW YORK, December 6, 1873.

GEORGE W. LANE, Esq., Chamberlain of the City of New York:

DEAR SIR—For the purpose of a compromise with the City respecting the Fort Vansevoort property I am willing to receive from the City the amount of the ten per cent. paid by me at the time of the sale, and four per cent. interest on the same to date of this settlement. My son, William M. Johnson, who holds my power of

attorney, is fully authorized to receipt in my name for said sum, and to give all necessary quit-claims required by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund or other City authorities.

BRADISH JOHNSON.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the proposition of Mr. Johnson be accepted, and that the Board of Apportionment be requested to appropriate a sum sufficient to pay the amount to be refunded.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to make a tender of the deeds to the parties entitled for purchases made at the sales of Corporation real estate on April 22, 1867, and October 21, 1867, which are now outstanding, and to settle such purchases upon the payment of the consideration, with interest at seven per cent. per annum, together with all incumbrances that may exist at the date of such tender.

(The Recorder retired, being excused by the Chairman.)

The memorial of Griffith Rowe asking for a quit-claim from the Corporation of that portion of an old common land street, in front of his property, on the north side of Fifty-second street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

The Mayor submitted a notice by Ferdinand Spangenberg of his intention to make application to the Commissioners of the Land Office of the State of New York, at the office of the Secretary of State, in the City of Albany, on the 20th day of January, 1874, for a grant in perpetuity of land under water in Harlem river, in front of the premises possessed by him, etc., which, on motion, was referred to the Mayor to confer with the Counsel to the Corporation as to the rights of the City to the land under water in Harlem river, and to take such measures as in his judgment may be necessary to protect and secure the interests of the City in the premises.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.
J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 30, 1873.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 30, 1873.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The Comptroller stated that on the 27th instant there was a balance of \$507,700.47 to the credit of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt; whereupon the Recorder submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of George W. Lane, Chamberlain, for the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), to be charged to the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of the "Surplus Revenues" of said fund for the year 1873, and credited to the "General Fund" of the City, in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 31, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office January 31, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller stated that it having been decided to rebuild Centre Market it became necessary to cancel the lease of the second floor of the same to William Lalor for five years, from May 1, 1872, and submitted the following preamble and resolution; which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The whole of the second floor of Centre Market was leased by the City of New York for the term of five years from May 1, 1872, to William Lalor, with a covenant in the lease that "should the Corporation sell, lease, rebuild or remove Centre Market during the term for which this lease is granted, this lease is to be canceled at the option of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and no deduction or award for damages will be made by the Corporation therefor"; and

Whereas, It has been decided to rebuild Centre Market; therefore be it

Resolved, That the lease of the whole of the second floor of Centre Market, made by the City with William Lalor on May 7, 1872, be canceled in accordance with the said covenant contained therein, and the Comptroller is authorized to take possession of such premises on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

The Comptroller submitted a list of real estate belonging to the City, not in use for public purposes, which may be sold at public auction, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, which, on motion, was laid over for consideration; whereupon the Chamberlain offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to appoint an appraiser to fix the minimum valuations of the real estate to be sold at public auction under the direction of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and that he be directed to report such valuations to this Board.

The Comptroller also submitted a list of ferries and ferry franchises, the leases of which have expired, which, on motion, was ordered on file for future reference.

The Committee (the Comptroller and the Chamberlain), to whom was referred the subject of ferries and ferry franchises, submitted their report, which, on motion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, was accepted and ordered to be printed * (see report on file).

The Comptroller stated that the lease of premises No. 72 Elm street, with covenant of renewal, will expire May 1, 1874; whereupon the Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to appoint an appraiser on behalf of the Corporation to settle the rent on renewal of the lease of premises No. 72 Elm street, the present term of which will expire on May 1, 1874.

The application of Isaac Williamson for reduction of rent of cellar No. 1 Centre Market in consequence of alterations of the premises caused by recent repairs of market, etc., was received, and, on motion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Application of Adam Neidlinger and others for water grant, East river, between Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth streets.

Application of Cordelia S. Steward for water grant, East river, between Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth streets.

Application of James H. Jones for water grant, East river, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets.

* See CITY RECORD of February 21, 1874.

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**Application of Joseph J. and W. Henry Potter for water grant, Harlem river
and Two Hundred and First street.**

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

**J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee of Board of Aldermen.**

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 25, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 25, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the application of Isaac Williamson for reduction of rent on cellar No. 1 Centre Market, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
March 24, 1874.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of Isaac Williamson for reduction of rent of cellar No. 1 Centre Market, in consequence of the closing of the main entrance to the same, on the corner of Grand street and Centre Market place, etc., and also for compensation for "outside fixtures," and for damages to his business while the recent repairs to said market were being made, respectfully

Reports that it appears by the report of the Superintendent of Markets hereto annexed, cellar No. 1 Centre Market was leased by the Corporation to Isaac Williamson for five years, from May 1, 1872, at an annual rent of three hundred dollars (\$300), and that by the recent repairs and alterations to the market the entrance to said cellar on the corner of Grand street and Centre Market place has been closed, and the lessee deprived of a portion of the frontage on Grand street.

In consideration of these alterations and changes affecting the value of the premises leased to Mr. Williamson, and also the damage to his business while the repairs were being made, I recommend that the rent of said cellar No. 1 for the

balance of the term be reduced by the sum of sixty-five dollars per annum, from January 1, 1874, which shall be in full of all demands for fixtures and damages.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

Which, on motion, was accepted and recommendation adopted.

The Comptroller submitted a resolution of the Board of Education, adopted February 18, 1874, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and they are hereby requested to set apart for public school purposes the premises No. 72 Elm street, adjoining Grammar School No. 24, said premises being necessary for the health and comfort of the children attending said school.

Whereupon the following preamble and resolutions were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Board of Education have declared that the premises on Elm street, near Leonard street, now under lease to Clarence G. Mitchell, are required for public purposes, the lease for which will expire on the 1st day of May, 1874; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to notify Clarence G. Mitchell that the said lease will not be renewed and that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York will pay him the value of the building erected upon such premises.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to appoint an appraiser on behalf of the City to fix the value of such building.

The Chamberlain submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund have invested, from time to time, the accumulations of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt, in the bonds and stocks of the City and County of New York; and

Whereas, These investments are represented by a large number of certificates and bonds of various amounts; and

Whereas, It would greatly facilitate the examination of said investments if the amount of each particular stock and class of bonds were included in one certificate or bond; therefore

Resolved, That the certificates of stocks and bonds, now held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be surrendered to the Comptroller for the purpose of

obtaining a substitution therefor of a single certificate of stock or bond that shall represent the whole amount of the certificates of each particular stock or bond so surrendered.

A communication was received from Robert S. Newton, Chairman Executive Committee Electric Medical Dispensary, in relation to securing the premises No. 3 East Twenty-sixth street, now occupied by said dispensary, for their further use, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The Comptroller submitted a preamble and resolutions in relation to leasing ferry franchises, which, on motion, were approved as to form; the amount of percentage to be charged on gross receipts for use of ferry franchise, to be determined after further consideration (preamble and resolutions filed).

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That all proposals received for leasing ferries, under advertisement of April 12, 1873, and which have not been accepted, be and the same are hereby rejected.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks, requesting that the lots on the Hudson river, between Gansevoort and West Twelfth streets, now occupied by the Dock Department as a work yard, be exempted from the list of city property proposed to be sold; when, on motion, the request of the said Commissioners was granted.

The Comptroller submitted a list of the parties to whom deeds for purchases made at the sales of Corporation real estate April 22 and October 21, 1867, had been rendered in accordance with the resolution of this Board adopted December 10, 1873, together with a report of the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the subject; when, on motion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, By section 34 of article IV. of chapter 9 of Revised Ordinances of 1866; and section 102 of the Charter of 1873, as amended, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are "authorized to sell and dispose of all real estate belonging to the Corporation. etc."; and

Whereas, certain real property of the Corporation was sold at auction in the City of New York on the 22d day of April and the 21st day of October, 1867; and

Whereas, Neither the original purchasers nor their assignees have, as yet, complied with the terms and conditions of such said rules; and

Whereas, Warrantee deeds have been tendered by the Comptroller to the original purchasers, or bidders, or their respective assignees in cases where the said assignees were entitled to a tender of the same; therefore be it

Resolved, That unless the purchasers of lots sold at the sales of April 22, 1867, and of October 21 of the same year, or their respective assignees, as the case may be, shall, within thirty days, pay into the Treasury the purchase money agreed to be paid, with interest thereon, and comply with all other agreements set forth in the terms of the sales of the respective dates aforesaid, that said sales be and the same are hereby canceled with respect to all parties failing to comply with the terms aforesaid, and the deeds heretofore executed and tendered be and the same are hereby revoked, and the said lots shall be resold, and the parties failing to comply with their respective agreements will be held liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed to carry into effect the above resolution.

The report of John J. Serrell, Civil Engineer, prepared at the request of the Comptroller, in relation to the applications for water grants now before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for consideration, and also as to the powers of the said Commissioners in the premises, etc., was submitted; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the report be laid over for consideration, and that five hundred copies of the same be printed.

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution, viz.:

Whereas, On the minutes of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund there appears a writing purporting to be an agreement entered into on the 20th of July, 1871, between the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and one William C. Trap-hagen, relative to furnishing information in relation to the recovery of City property held adversely to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are of the opinion that said pretended agreement is without authority of law, and wholly inoperative and void, and that if said pretended agreement were to be deemed and held binding and valid and effective by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the interests of the City would be greatly embarrassed and damnified, and great loss would accrue; and

Whereas, The said pretended agreement would if held valid afford great opportunity for oppressive measures upon innocent parties; therefore be it

Resolved, That a certain resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, purporting to authorize the execution of such pretended agreement and the pretended adoption thereof as the act of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the 25th of July, 1871, be and the same is hereby vacated and set aside, rescinded, abrogated and canceled, and that such pretended agreement is hereby declared to be

void, and of no force or effect, and that notice of the action of this Board be forthwith given to said William C. Traphagen.

Which, on motion, was laid on the table until the next meeting of this Board, and made the special order at that meeting.

On motion,

Resolved (the Comptroller dissenting), That the Clerk of this Board furnish a copy of the said preamble and resolution to William C. Traphagen, and also inform him that any communication he may wish to make to this Board be submitted in writing on or before Wednesday, April 1, 1874.

The Comptroller submitted the offer of Moran Brothers to sell \$1,000 five per cent. Central Park Fund Stock of 1898, at 88 per \$100, which, on motion, was accepted and the Comptroller authorized to purchase the same at the proposed rate, on account of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt.

A communication from Messrs. Booth & Edgar in relation to "An Act to regulate the use of slips, wharves and piers in the City of New York," pending in the Legislature, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller, to take such action in the matter as they may deem necessary.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.
J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 1, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 1, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from William C. Traphagen in relation to the preamble and resolution submitted by the Comptroller at the last meeting to rescind certain proceedings and action by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund July 25, 1871, which, on motion, was ordered on file.

The preamble and resolution laid over at the last meeting, and made the special order for this meeting, were taken up for action, whereupon the Comptroller moved to strike out of the resolution the words "and that notice of the action of this Board be forthwith given to said William C. Traphagen."

The Recorder proposed to strike out of said resolution the words "purported" and "pretended," stating his reasons therefor, and then moved that the preamble and resolution be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion; whereupon the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen submitted as a substitute the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the communication of Mr. Traphagen be referred to the Mayor to inquire into the right of this Commission to abrogate the contract heretofore made with Mr. Traphagen regarding water grants, etc., power being hereby given to the Mayor to consult with the Corporation Counsel or other counsel as he (the Mayor) may elect.

Which was not adopted; the Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain

voting in the negative; and the Recorder and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen in the affirmative.

The motion of the Comptroller to strike out of the resolution the words "and that notice of the action of this Board be forthwith given to said William C. Traphagen," was adopted, the Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen voting in the affirmative, and the Recorder in the negative.

On motion, the preamble and resolution as amended, viz.:

Whereas, On the minutes of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund there appears a writing purporting to be an agreement entered into on the 20th of July, 1871, between the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and one William C. Traphagen relative to furnishing information in relation to the recovery of City property held adversely to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York; and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are of the opinion that said pretended agreement is without authority of law, and wholly inoperative and void, and that if said pretended agreement were to be deemed and held binding and valid and effective by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the interest of the City would be greatly embarrassed and damnified and great loss would accrue; and

Whereas, The said pretended agreement would if held valid afford great opportunity for oppressive measures upon innocent parties; therefore be it

Resolved, That a certain resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, purporting to authorize the execution of such pretended agreement, and the pretended adoption thereof as the act of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the 25th day of July, 1871, be and the same is hereby vacated and set aside, rescinded, abrogated and canceled, and that such pretended agreement is hereby declared to be void and of no force or effect.

—were adopted, the Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain voting in the affirmative; and the Recorder and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen voting in the negative.

The application of Board of Police to have the lease of the upper part of Eleventh Precinct Station-house (third floor of Union Market) to the Father Matthew T. A. B. Society No. 4, for five years from May 1, 1872, canceled and the room assigned to the Police Department as a police drillroom, was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The preamble and resolutions in relation to leasing ferry franchises, submitted at the last meeting and approved as to form and laid over for further consideration

as to the percentage to be charged on the gross receipts for use of franchise, were taken up for action; when, on motion, the blanks were filled by inserting two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) per centum, and the preamble and resolutions unanimously adopted, viz.:

Whereas, Under existing laws, the right and authority to order, direct, construct improve and lease all pier and wharf property belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York is vested in the Department of Docks of said City, and the right and authority to sell or lease any other property belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty is vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of said City; and

Whereas, The ferry franchise belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty is a property right independent of any and all ownership of wharves, piers and slips around this City, and full power and authority is vested in said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to lease the same at public auction is by sealed bids. in the manner provided by law; and

Whereas, There are cases where ferries have been established at places where the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty are the owners of pier and wharf property necessary for the use and maintenance of such ferries, and the same cannot be properly operated and maintained without the sanction of and lease of said property from the said Department of Docks for a period similar in time to that for which the ferries should be leased; and

Whereas, It appears proper that no leases whatever of ferry franchise, and of the right to maintain and operate ferries around this City should be granted which would be likely in any manner to interfere with or hinder the improvement of the bulkheads, wharves and piers around this City; therefore

Resolved, That no lease of ferry franchise around or from the City of New York will hereafter be granted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund until the Department of Docks of this City shall have certified to this Board, in writing, that the granting of such franchise for a term not exceeding ten years will not in any manner be likely to interfere with or hinder the improvements of the bulkheads piers and wharves, at the location designated for the use of such franchise during a specified term not exceeding ten years from the date of the expiration of existing or future leases, and from the first day of May next, in cases where leases have expired or no leases exist; and

Whereas, It appears desirable to establish a uniform rate of charge for the use of the ferry franchises belonging to the Corporation at all ferries around the Island of Manhattan as the minimum rate for which such ferry franchise or license to operate ferries shall be used and enjoyed, and also that it is necessary by law that

no leases of such property be made except for the highest marketable price or rental to be obtained at public auction or by sealed bids, and always after advertisement and appraisal under the direction of this Board; therefore

Resolved, That in all cases where no leases of established ferries exist, or existing leases of ferries expire before the further direction of this Board, that the minimum of charge, price or rental, for the lease or license to use the ferry franchise belonging to and owned by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York be and the same is hereby appraised at and set at two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) per centum of the gross receipts that shall hereafter accrue or be collected from time to time, at each separate ferry for which such lease or license shall be granted, and the leases to be made hereafter shall contain covenants binding the lessees to pay quarter yearly for the use of the franchise at each ferry, unto the Corporation of the City of New York, the highest marketable price which shall be obtained, the same being always a percentage on the gross receipts of each ferry as aforesaid, for the use of the ferry franchise at the respective ferries so to be leased, but not less than at the minimum rate of two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) per centum aforesaid.

And also, that each of the leases aforesaid shall contain a covenant that the lessees shall quarter yearly from and after the commencement of all leases, make and deliver to the Comptroller of the City of New York a statement in writing, verified by the oath or affirmation of the lessee, or its or his proper officer or agent, of the actual total gross receipts for ferriage received by such lessee during the preceding three months; and also a covenant that such lessee shall and will at all times during the continuance of the lease keep regular books of account, showing the daily gross receipts of the ferry leased, and allow such Comptroller or any person or persons designated by him, in writing, to examine such books of account, and take copies or extracts therefrom at all reasonable times; and it is hereby further

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to forthwith take all necessary measures to lease the franchise for all existing ferries for which leases have not been executed, or for which leases have expired, or for which the leases will expire on the 1st day of May next; and that said measures be taken in accordance with the foregoing conditions, but that all such leases be submitted to this Board for its approval, as a condition precedent to their final execution and delivery.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to direct the Comptroller to prepare and issue Dock Bonds of the City of New York for one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks; which, on motion, was laid on the table for future action.

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The Comptroller submitted the valuations of real estate made by William Kennelly, appointed by virtue of resolution of this Board adopted January 31, 1874, to fix the valuations of the real estate to be sold by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; which, on motion, were laid on the table for future consideration.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 21, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 21, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting dispensed with.

The application of David McMullen for quit claim to or grant of land formerly under water on the north side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, between Fifth and Madison avenues, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The petition of "The Samaritan Home for the Aged" for lease of eight lots of ground fronting on the west side of Third avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets (Nos. 40 to 47, inclusive, on map of property forming part of a square formerly known as Hamilton Square) was received, together with copy of Act of the Legislature, chapter 134, passed April 8, 1874; which, on motion, were laid on the table.

The Comptroller called the attention of the Commissioners to an Act now before the Legislature entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act for providing a site for an armory in the City of New York, for the use of the Seventh Regiment of the National Guard of the State of New York'"; when, on motion, it was referred to the Chairman (the Mayor) to prepare and forward to the Legislature a proper protest against the passage of said proposed act.

The Comptroller submitted a communication from the Commissioners of Docks dated April 14, 1874, stating that the Department of Docks "has contracted and agreed to lease to the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company for a term of

" ten years from the date of its completion, the bulkhead and wharf property now in
" course of construction at the foot of Christopher street, North river, at an annual
" rent of fifteen thousand dollars, and the said contract and agreement further
" provides that the said lease shall contain in addition to the usual covenants a
" clause to the effect that the said annual rent is to cover and be in full of all claim
" of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, for the fran-
" chise, right and wharfage for the ferry during the said term of ten years, and that
" the said contract and agreement was fully completed under date of February 7.
" 1874 "; and also one dated April 16, 1874, stating " that the Department of Docks
" has leased for the term of ten years from 1st of May, 1874, certain bulkhead and
" wharf property located between the Staten Island and Hamilton Avenue ferries, at
" the foot of Whitehall street, East river, to the North Shore Staten Island Ferry
" Company, at an annual rent of ten thousand dollars, and that said lease contains.
" in addition to the usual covenants, a clause to the effect that the said annual rent
" is to be in full of all claim of The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City
" of New York for the franchise, right and wharfage for the said ferry during the
" said term of ten years, and that the said lease was executed and delivered under
" date of March 3, 1874 "; whereupon the following preamble and resolution were
adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are of the opinion that the
Commissioners of Docks have not the legal authority to dispose of the franchise
of the ferries as above stated; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
include the ferry from the foot of Christopher street, New York, to Hoboken, N. J.,
and the North Shore Staten Island Ferry in the advertisement for sale of ferry
franchises at auction about to be issued.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.
J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 30, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office April 30, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder and the Chamberlain.

The Comptroller being absent, on motion, adjourned to Saturday next, May 2, 1874, at 12 o'clock M.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 2, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held (as per adjournment) at the Comptroller's Office May 2, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The bids for ferry franchises, received April 30, 1874, in response to the advertisement of the Comptroller of April 24, 1874, were submitted, and, on motion of the Comptroller, publicly opened as follows, viz.:

Ferry (franchise only) from the slip north of and adjoining foot of Grand street, East river, to foot of South Seventh street, Brooklyn (five years)—

Joseph Riley—Five per cent. on gross receipts.

James Murphy—Eight per cent. on gross receipts.

The following bids are for lease of franchise, with use of pier and wharf property:

Ferry from foot of Houston street, East river, to Grand street, Brooklyn (five years)—

Houston Street Ferry Associates, by Lawrence Waterbury—Annual rent, \$6,500 and two and one-half per cent. on receipts.

Ferry from foot of Chambers street, New York, to Pavonia, N. J.—

Erie Railway Company, P. H. Watson, President (1 year)—\$15,000 rent for the year and two and one-half per cent. on gross receipts.

Ferry from foot of Desbrosses street to Jersey City (one year)—

Associates of New Jersey Ferry Company, A. L. Dennis, President—\$1,000 per annum for renewal of lease.

Ferry from foot of Whitehall street, East river, to North shore, Staten Island (ten years)—

William Hitchcock—Two and one-half per cent. of gross receipts for the franchise for the ferry.

Union Ferry Company, C. P. Smith, Managing Director—In case the North Shore Ferry Company do not bid for the slip foot of Whitehall street, according to the terms published, and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund will grant a lease to run a ferry to foot of Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, the Union Ferry Company will take the lease at \$10,000 rent and pay two and one-half per cent. on gross receipts.

Ferry from foot of Christopher street, North river, to Hoboken, N. J., (ten years)—

Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, W. W. Shippen, President—Two and one-half per cent. on gross receipts.

On motion of the Recorder, the said bids were referred to the Comptroller to report at the next meeting.

The subject of leasing Castle Garden was submitted, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The following applications for water grants were received and referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Application of James W. Beekman for water grant on the East river, between Forty-eighth and Fifty-first streets.

Application of William B. Isham for water grant on Harlem river, between Two Hundred and Eleventh and Two Hundred and Twelfth streets.

On motion, adjourned to Wednesday next (6th instant) at 12 o'clock M.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 6, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held (as per adjournment) at the Comptroller's Office May 6, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Recorder and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller, to whom the bids for leases of ferries and ferry franchises were referred on the 2d instant, submitted, as his report, the following resolutions, viz.:

1. Resolved, That the ferry from the foot of Houston street, East river, to Grand street, Brooklyn, for the term of five years from May 1, 1874, be awarded to the Houston Street Ferry Associates, by their individual or corporate name, at an annual rent of six thousand five hundred dollars and two and one-half per centum on the gross receipts, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease therefor, with the usual covenants and in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of the Corporation sale of ferry franchises of April 24, 1874.

Which was laid over for consideration.

2. Resolved, That the ferry from the foot of Christopher street, North river, to Hoboken, N. J., for the term of ten years from May 1, 1874, be awarded to "The Hoboken Land and Improvement Company" at two and one-half per cent. on the gross receipts thereof, together with fifteen thousand dollars per annum rent for the property at the foot of Christopher street, North river, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease therefor, with the usual covenants and in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of the Corporation sale of ferry franchises of April 24, 1874.

Which was adopted.

3. Resolved, That the ferry from the foot of Chambers street, North river, to Pavonia, N. J., for the term of one year from May 1, 1874, be awarded to the Erie Railway Company at two and one-half per cent. on the gross receipts from ferriage, together with fifteen thousand dollars per annum rent of the pier and wharf property at said ferry, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease therefor, with the usual covenants and in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of the Corporation sale of ferry franchises of April 24, 1874.

Which was adopted.

4. Resolved, That an award of the lease for the ferry from the slip north of and adjoining Grand street, East river, to the foot of South Seventh street, Brooklyn, for the term of five years from May 1, 1874, be made to the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company at a rent of eight per cent. on the gross receipts actually received on said ferry, payable quarterly, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease therefor, with the usual covenants and in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of the Corporation sale of ferry franchises of April 24, 1874.

Which was adopted.

The Chamberlain submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the subject of the ferries, for which proposals were advertised under date of April 24, 1874, by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and for which bids were not received in accordance with the terms of said proposals, be referred to the Comptroller, with power to take the necessary measures, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in conjunction with the Dock Department, or otherwise, to secure the rights of the City in the premises.

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, It has been represented to this Board that all that part of Essex Market fronting on Grand street, extending back to the middle wall, is not required for market purposes; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Markets be requested to have plans and specifications prepared of the alterations which will be required to convert such part of Essex Market into stores, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The petition of Courtlandt Palmer, by Courtlandt Palmer, Jr., his attorney, that the sum of three thousand dollars may be awarded him for services as one of the

committee appointed May 1, 1871, to ascertain and determine the value of the real estate of the City and County of New York, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The petition of the Howard Relief Association for the use and occupancy of building No. 49 Leonard street, to be used as a free labor bureau, a lodging-house for transient parties in the city, and unfortunates and destitute strangers, and a bath-house, was received, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 15, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office June 15, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

No quorum.

Adjourned.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, Mayor.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

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JULY 7, 1874.
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At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office July 7, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the appraiser designated on behalf of the City of New York to fix the value of the building upon premises on Elm street, leased to Clarence G. Mitchell by indenture dated May 1, 1853, be authorized to agree with the appraiser appointed by said Clarence G. Mitchell upon an umpire to determine the value of such building.

The following resolution was submitted, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Chamberlain be and he hereby is appointed a committee to examine and report upon the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The following bills for advertising "Sale of Ferry Franchises," April 30, 1874 were received, and, on motion, approved and ordered paid, viz.:

"Evening Post".....	\$27 54
"New York Tribune".....	31 50
"New York Times".....	32 40
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The following applications for water grants were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Application of David Jones for water grant on East river, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets; and

Application of Schmitt & Koehne for water grant on East river, between Fifty-sixth and Fifty-seventh streets.

Communications were received from James C. Lyon, Benjamin A. Willis, William H. Raynor and Josiah Macy's Sons in relation to their respective applications for water grants; which, on motion, were referred to the Comptroller.

The application of John Randall for correction of error in deed of premises No. 141 Eldridge street, purchased of the Corporation in 1867, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution in relation to the adjustment of the rent of premises No. 514 Pearl street, now owned by Owen W. Brennan, leased to the Corporation in 1870, until January 1, 1880, viz.:

Whereas, The whole of the premises known as No. 514 Pearl street, except the ground floor, and including the basement, were leased to the City of New York until January 1, 1880, by indenture dated April 29, 1870, at an annual rent of seven thousand five hundred dollars, which rent is excessive and beyond the value of said premises; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to agree with the owner of such premises upon the annual rent to be paid therefor, at such rate lower than the rent reserved by the lease as he may consider to be to the interest of the City of New York.

Which, on motion of the Chamberlain, were referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller.

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution in relation to renting the second and third stories of premises Nos. 106, 108 and 110 Centre street, leased to the Corporation for ten years from May 1, 1870, by Morgan Jones, for occupation by the First District Police Court, but not occupied for the purposes of said Court, viz.:

Whereas, The second and third stories of premises Nos. 106, 108 and 110 Centre street were leased from Morgan Jones for the term of ten years from May 1, 1870, at the yearly rent of seven thousand five hundred dollars, for occupation by the First District Police Court, by indenture dated May 2, 1870, and such premises have never been occupied or in any way used for the purposes of such Court; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to rent out such premises for the balance of the term reserved, at such rent as may be deemed by him most advantageous to the City treasury.

Which, on motion of the Chamberlain, were referred to the Mayor and the Comptroller.

A communication was received from the officers of the Seventh Regiment, National Guard, S. N. Y., together with copy of act of the Legislature, chapter 234, Laws of 1874, in relation to lease of plot of ground bounded by Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets and Fourth and Lexington avenues, for the public purposes of said regiment; which, on motion, was laid over to the next meeting.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks referring to a resolution adopted by said the Commissioners March 25, 1874, requesting that one million dollars (\$1,000,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York be issued for the uses and purposes of the Dock Department, submitted to this Board April 1, 1874, and laid on the table for consideration; and also stating that the present condition of the finances of the Dock Department requires that immediate action be taken by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to place at the disposal of the Dock Department the proceeds of the \$1,000,000 of Dock Bonds called for by the aforesaid resolution of March 25, 1874; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolutions, viz.:

Whereas, The Department of Docks has requested the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to cause to be issued the further amount of one million dollars, for the purpose of enabling said Department to continue the works which it is authorized to prosecute; and

Whereas, In the judgment of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund it is at this time not wise to issue more bonds for any purpose whereby the debt of the City will be increased, unless the occasion therefor be very imperative; and

Whereas, It appears that the debt of the City has increased during the past two years, principally by the requirements for the Department of Public Works, and for payments for new parks, streets, avenues and boulevards, and by the liquidation and payment of debts contracted by the past régime, and which have been and are constantly appearing in the courts; therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Docks be respectfully requested to inform the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund what works are now in progress under charge of that Department, and the probable cost of each, and what works the said Department contemplates undertaking during this and the next calendar year, and the probable revenue to be derived therefrom when completed.

Resolved, That the Department of Docks be further respectfully requested to furnish the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund with a statement of the piers, wharves and bulkheads now under lease from the City, the names of the parties to whom leased, the term of the lease, and the amount of the rent, and what piers, wharves and bulkheads remain unleased and why they so remain.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, though claiming no direct jurisdiction in the premises, except with respect to the Department of Docks, deem it not improper to express their opinion that the prosecution of works, such as boulevards and avenues in the upper part of the City, which are not and will not be of any public utility for a generation to come, and which charge upon the City large sums of money, and which increase the debt without any corresponding advantage, should cease, at least until those whose property is benefited thereby show more readiness to pay the assessments therefor.

Resolved, That the opening of streets, boulevards and avenues in the upper part of the City, and acquiring land for the same, should be discontinued until the methods adopted are changed, so as to prevent the extravagances that have been practiced in these matters, as well as the charge of immense sums upon the City treasury.

Which, on motion, were adopted, and the communication from the Commissioners of Docks laid over for consideration.

A list of property of the Corporation leased to monthly tenants was submitted and laid on the table.

The application of John Walsh for return of the ten per cent. and auctioneer's fees, paid on account of lots Nos. 54 and 55 Gansevoort property bid off by him at sale in 1867, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

The application of the Fire Department for lot on Hamilton Square for site for a house for an engine company to be organized, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

The application of J. W. Behan for reduction of rent on premises "part of first floor of Franklin Market," was received, and, on motion, the application was denied.

A communication was received from the Staten Island Railroad Company in relation to the action of the Dock Commissioners in granting lease of certain premises at Pier No. 1, East river, to the North Shore Ferry Company; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

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A communication from John McCafferty and Matthias Bradley in relation to the purchase of premises No. 144 East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, etc., was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

_____, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 5, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office August 5, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

No quorum.

Adjourned.

_____, Mayor.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 7, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office August 7, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The Comptroller stated that on the 31st of July ult. there was a balance of \$911,319.51 to the credit of "The Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt"; whereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of George W. Lane, Chamberlain, for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), to be charged to "The Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of "Surplus Revenues" of said fund for the year 1874, and credited to the "General Fund" of the City, in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862, and chapter 308, Laws of 1874.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the application of John Randall for correction of error in deed of premises No. 1½ Eldridge street, purchased of the Corporation in 1867, referred to him at the last meeting to examine and report, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
August 5, 1874.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the application for correction of error in deed of premises No. 1½ Eldridge street, purchased at the Corporation sale of real estate in 1867, would report:

That such lot was sold by the City and a warrantee deed given therefor dated May 1, 1867.

In the map and description of these premises the corner was shown as being formed by Bayard street with the westerly side of Eldridge street, whereas Division street crosses Bayard previous to its intersection with Eldridge street, and the corner is formed by the north side of Division street with the west side of Eldridge street.

This discrepancy was caused by the blunder or error of Edward Boyle, the City Surveyor, who drew up the map for this sale, and it seems to be proper that a confirmatory deed should be given to make the description agree with the facts of the case.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and the following resolution adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the error in the deed recited in said report be corrected, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a deed to correct the alleged error, and that said deed be executed in proper form.

The application of Mary J. Ackerman for extension of time for payment of bond and mortgage on property corner of New Chambers and William streets, for \$28,000, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power to extend the time, in his discretion, not to exceed two years.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks in relation to furnishing a statement of the wharves and piers belonging to the City, and to whom rented, etc.; which, on motion, was accepted and ordered on file.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks transmitting for the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund "The certified agreement made by the Department of Docks with Joshua L. Peck and John C. Wandell, holders of the lease of certain wharf property at the foot of Canal and Spring streets, North river, together with a copy of the preamble and resolution adopted by the Board of Dock Commissioners April 30, 1874, authorizing said agreement to be made," which, on motion, were referred to the Comptroller and the Recorder.

The Comptroller gave notice that at the next meeting of this Board he would call up for action the communication from the officers of the Seventh Regiment, National Guard, S. N. Y., in relation to lease of block of ground bounded by Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, and Fourth and Lexington avenues, for the public purposes of said regiment, received at the meeting held July 7, 1874, and laid over for consideration.

Adjourned.

_____, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

I concur in the adoption of these minutes.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office September 2, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

No quorum.

Adjourned.

_____, Mayor.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office September 3, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller called up for consideration the communication from the officers of the Seventh Regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., in relation to lease of block of ground bounded by Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets and Fourth and Lexington avenues, for the public purposes of said regiment, received and laid over at the meeting held July 7, 1874.

The act of the Legislature authorizing and requiring the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in relation thereto was read and ordered on the minutes, viz.:

CHAPTER 234.

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act for providing a site for an armory in the city of New York, for the use of the Seventh Regiment of the National Guard of the State of New York," passed April 22, 1874; three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The first section of chapter four hundred and thirty-one, laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An Act for providing a site for an armory in the city of New York, for the use of the Seventh Regiment of the National Guard of the State of New York," passed May seven, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The commissioners of the sinking fund of the city of New York are hereby authorized and required, immediately upon the passage of this act, to lease by due resolution and deed of lease, to the field officers for the time being, of the

Seventh Regiment of the National Guard of the State of New York, and their successors in office, acting for said regiment, and for the public purposes of said regiment, the plot of ground bounded by and situated between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets and Fourth and Lexington avenues in the city of New York, the same being a part of the lands or premises belonging to the city of New York. The field officers of said regiment are hereby authorized and empowered to accept said lease and take said site with the same effect as if a body corporate, to be thereafter exclusively held and used for an armory and drillrooms by said regiment. Such lease shall be made substantially in such form as leases of land have heretofore been made by said commissioners for benevolent and charitable purposes, and shall be for a term of twenty-one years, with and at the nominal rental of one dollar per year.

Sec. 2. The second section of said chapter four hundred and thirty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect immediately. .

In compliance with section one of the said act the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the plot of ground bounded by and situated between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets and Fourth and Lexington avenues be leased to the field officers, for the time being, of the Seventh Regiment of the National Guard of the State of New York, and their successors in office, acting for said regiment, and for the public purposes of said regiment, for a term of twenty-one years, with and at the nominal rental of one dollar per year, and that the Counsel to the Corporation prepare a lease of such premises, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 234. Laws of 1874.

The report and statement of the Commissioners of Docks, in compliance with resolution of this Board, adopted July 7, 1874, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller for examination and the Mayor authorized to have the same printed in the "City Record."

The Chamberlain submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and approved, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The undersigned, who was appointed a committee on the 7th day of July, 1874, to examine the securities held by the above-mentioned Commissioners, begs leave to report:

That he has made the examination as directed, and finds that on the 1st day of July, 1874, there were in the hands of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund the following securities:

Stocks and bonds issued by the County of New York..	\$4,290,195 53
Stocks and bonds issued by the City of New York....	21,901,145 11
	<hr/> \$26,191,340 64
Also cash on deposit in the Merchants' National Bank to the credit of the account of said Commissioners for the Redemption of the City Debt.....	67,655 47
	<hr/> \$26,258,996 11

—making the aggregate sum of twenty-six million two hundred and fifty-eight thousand nine hundred and ninety-six dollars and eleven cents.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. LANE.

New York, September 2, 1874.

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, It is provided by the sixth section of an act of the Legislature entitled "An Act relating to Animals," passed February 11, 1874, that "all fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected in any county in this state, under the provisions of every act passed, or which may be passed relating to or in any wise affecting animals, except where otherwise provided, shall inure to said society in aid of the purpose for which it was incorporated" * * *; and

Whereas, Certain fines have been imposed by the Court of Special Sessions under the above provision of law, and collected by the Clerk of said Court, and paid over by him to the credit of the Sinking Fund, to wit:

On the 4th day of August, 1874, the following amounts—

From John Flynn.....	\$10 00
From Nicholas Tyrall.....	5 00
From William F. Sinclair.....	10 00
From James Collin.....	10 00
	<hr/> \$35 00

Now, therefore,

Resolved, That to correct the error, the Comptroller be requested to pay to Henry Bergh, President of "The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals," the above amount of thirty-five dollars, and that a warrant be issued, payable from the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt.

A communication was received from Messrs. Swift & White, No. 41 Peck slip, relative to a strip of land, belonging to the City, immediately adjoining land belonging to them on Barren Island; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks in relation to the ferry from the foot of Grand street, New York, to the foot of Grand street, Brooklyn, including a notice from the Secretary of the New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company, dated August 21, 1874, stating that said company "have withdrawn" their boats, discontinuing entirely the use of the ferry from Grand street, New York, to Grand street, Brooklyn, and have wholly removed from the premises "connected with that ferry, owned by the City"; when, on motion, the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the ferry from the foot of Grand street to Grand street, Brooklyn, be leased for the term of five years from September 15, 1874, subject to the payment of fifteen thousand dollars per annum rent for the pier and wharf property belonging to the City (which amount is required to be paid quarterly at the Department of Docks), and no bid to be accepted which is not at least two per cent. on the gross receipts of the ferry.

Resolved, That the Comptroller give notice in the "City Record" referring thereto, in not less than four of the designated newspapers, that sealed bids will be received for such lease.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
September 2, 1874.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

In pursuance of resolution of May 6, 1874, directing plans and specifications to be prepared of the alterations required to convert part of Essex Market into stores, the accompanying plan, with description, by Havilah M. Smith, is herewith respectfully submitted.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and approved, and the plan submitted by Mr. H. M. Smith filed.

The following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That application be made to the Common Council for the adoption of an ordinance directing alterations to be made in Essex Market, in accordance with the suggestions of the Superintendent of Markets, and in conformity with the plans this day submitted to this Board.

A communication from Peter Cooper and others in relation to water grants was received and laid on the table.

Adjourned.

_____, Mayor.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

I concur in the adoption of these minutes.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office September 10, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The communication of the Commissioners of Docks, dated March 25, 1874, requesting that one million dollars (\$1,000,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York be issued for the purposes of the Department of Docks, received April 1, 1874, and laid on the table for future consideration, was taken up for action; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act, chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising the moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, being part of the amount asked for by the Commissioners of Docks in their requisition dated March 25, 1874.

Adjourned.

_____, Mayor.
 JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
 AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
 GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

I concur in the adoption of these minutes.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 17, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office October 17, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act, chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars "Dock Bonds" of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising the moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, being part of the amount asked for by the Commissioners of Docks in their requisition dated March 25, 1874.

The petition of the Metropolitan Gas Light Company "for confirmation or "new grant of water lots on Hudson river, between Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth "streets," was received and laid on the table for future consideration.

The following communication from the Commissioners of Docks was received, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS, }
October 6, 1874. }

To the Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held this day, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the affirmative vote of all the Commissioners.

Whereas, This Board is authorized by subdivision 4 of section 6, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, to acquire by purchase, in the name and for the benefit of the Corporation of the City of New York, any and all wharf property in said City not already owned by said Corporation; and

Whereas, In pursuance of the provisions of said section 6 this Board has entered into an agreement for the purchase of that portion of the bulkhead adjoining the southerly side of Pier 50, North river, say to the extent of about fifty feet, claimed to be owned by Harriet B. White and Robert H. Ludlow, for the sum of ten thousand dollars, provided the Counsel to the Corporation shall approve of the title to the said property; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of the Department of Docks, in conformity with the requirements of said subdivision 4, hereby certify to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that an agreement has been made for the purchase of about fifty feet of the bulkhead adjoining on the southerly side of Pier 50, North river, from Harriet B. White and Robert H. Ludlow, reputed owners thereof, for the sum of ten thousand dollars; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and they are hereby respectfully requested to take action in regard to the approval of the said agreement, as required by said subdivision 4, on as early a date as practicable, in order that no delay may be occasioned to the works and operations of this Department now in progress for the improvement of the water front in the vicinity of said bulkhead.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. M. WHITNEY, Chief Clerk.

Whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund approve of the agreement made by the Board governing the Department of Docks for the purchase of that portion of the bulkhead adjoining the southerly side of Pier 50, North river, to the extent of about 50 feet, claimed to be owned by Harriet B. White and Robert H. Ludlow, for the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

The Comptroller submitted the documents in relation to an agreement made by the Commissioners of Docks with Messrs. Peck and Wandell, to purchase the outstanding term of Piers Nos. 42 and 43, North river, leased from the City of New York, to expire June 1, 1876, for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); which, on motion, were laid over for consideration.

Adjourned.

_____, Mayor.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.
J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

I concur in the adoption of the preceding minutes.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 10, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 10, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The death of the Hon. William F. Havemeyer, late Chairman, having been announced, the Recorder moved that the Hon. Samuel B. H. Vance, Mayor, be appointed Chairman of this Board, which, on motion, was adopted, and Mr. Vance took his seat as such Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act, chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars "Dock Bonds "of the City of New York," for the purpose of raising the moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, being part of the amount asked for by the Commissioners of Docks in their requisition dated March 25, 1874.

The resolution awarding the lease of the ferry from the foot of Houston street, East river, to Grand street, Brooklyn, to the Houston Street Ferry Associates, submitted May 6, 1874, and laid over for consideration, was taken up for action, and, on motion of the Comptroller, adopted as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the ferry from the foot of Houston street, East river, to Grand street, Brooklyn, for the term of five years from May 1, 1874, be awarded to the

Houston Street Ferry Associates, by their individual or corporate names, at an annual rent of six thousand five hundred dollars and two and one-half per centum on the gross receipts, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease therefor, with the usual covenants and in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of the Corporation sale of ferry franchises of April 24, 1874.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks in relation to an agreement submitted August 7, 1874, for the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, made by the Department of Docks with Joshua S. Peck and John C. Wandell, holders of the lease of certain wharf property at the foot of Canal and Spring streets, North river, for the purchase of all their right, title and interest in and to a certain lease made by the Corporation of the City of New York to William J. Peck, dated May 15, 1866, and expiring June 1, 1876, granting a franchise for a ferry to the New Jersey shore, and including the use of certain wharf property at the foot of Spring street, North river, for the sum of \$10,000; notifying the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund that said agreement has been amended so that the sum to be paid to the said Peck and Wandell shall be \$7,500, instead of the sum of \$10,000, as set forth in said agreement; said sum of \$7,500 to be paid by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to Peck and Wandell on or before the 14th day of December, 1874; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby approve of the agreement made in pursuance of subdivision 4 of section 6 of chapter 574, Laws of 1871, by the Board governing the Department of Docks, and Messrs. Peck and Wandell, dated April 30, 1874, as modified by a resolution of said Board adopted November 24, 1874, for the purchase at the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) of the franchise for a ferry to the New Jersey shore, including the use of the basin and bulkhead at the foot of Spring street, North river, and the halves of the piers adjacent thereto (being the north half and L of Pier 42, and that portion of the south half of Pier 43 which extends from the bulkhead to the L), as covered and granted by a lease from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to William J. Peck, dated May 15, 1866, and expiring June 1, 1876, and now held by said Peck and Wandell, and of which they agree to make a full and complete assignment and transfer to said Department of Docks.

The application of Harris Levy for reduction of rent of house No. 93 Chatham street, leased from the Corporation, was received, and, on motion, the application was denied.

A communication was received from the Department of Docks transmitting a copy of the map of this City just published by said Department, showing the high and low water marks, the grants of land under water and the several pier and bulk-

head lines as established prior to 1873; which, on motion, was laid over for consideration.

The Comptroller moved that the Mayor and the Chamberlain be appointed a committee to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, which, on motion, was adopted.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks in relation to lease of ferry foot of Houston street, East river, which, on motion, was placed on file.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to give the Howard Relief Association the free use of the premises occupied by them last winter without charge, provided such premises are not in use, and such permission to continue only during the pleasure of this Commission.

SAM. B. H. VANCE, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

J. VAN SCHAICK, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS. OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 23, 1874.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office December 23, 1874.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller reported that on the 19th instant there was a balance of \$643,436.05 to the credit of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on City Debt, and submitted the following resolution, which, on motion of the Chamberlain, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of George W. Lane, Chamberlain, for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to be charged to the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of the "Surplus Revenues" of said fund for the year 1874, and credited to the "General Fund" of the City, in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862, and chapter 308, Laws of 1874.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion of the Chamberlain, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That Sinking Fund Warrant No. 32 (Interest Account) for seventeen dollars and sixty cents, for advertising ferry leases at auction, dated March 21, 1868, in favor of "New York Leader."

Warrant No. 65 (Debt Account), for one hundred and thirty-nine dollars, for coal and wood for Board of Excise, dated June 15, 1871, in favor of J. T. Barnard & Sons; and

Warrant No. 66 (Debt Account), for ninety-eight dollars and seventy-one cents, for fire grate, zinc, iron pipes, etc., for Board of Excise, dated June 15, 1871, in favor of John Schroeder, be canceled, the bills for payment of which said warrants were executed having been otherwise provided for.

The Chamberlain, from the committee appointed at the last meeting to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, submitted the following report; when, on motion of the Recorder, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted and adopted, and entered in full in the minutes, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

On the 10th instant the Mayor and the Chamberlain were, by vote of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, appointed a committee to examine the securities held by said Commissioners.

The Mayor declining to serve, for reasons given in the communication hereto appended, the undersigned proceeded to make the examination as directed, and respectfully reports:

That by the accounts of the Sinking Fund there should have been	
on the first day of the present months assets amounting to.....	\$26,733.355 84
Less warrants drawn but not paid at that date.....	45.492 71
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	\$26,687.863 13
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Upon an examination of these assets I found that the Commissioners had in their possession on that date the following securities:

New York City and County stocks and bonds.....	\$26,297.928 00
Cash in bank.....	435.427 84
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Total	\$26,733.355 84
Less outstanding warrants.....	45.492 71
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	\$26,687.863 13
	<hr/>

The assets therefore correspond precisely with the balances called for by the accounts of the Sinking Fund Commissioners.

GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

New York, December 23, 1874.

(Copy.)

OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN,
NEW YORK COUNTY COURT HOUSE,
New York, December 17, 1874. }

Hon. S. B. H. VANCE, Mayor:

SIR—Please inform me at what time this week it will be most convenient for you to join me in an examination of the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
New York, December 17, 1874. }

GEO. W. LANE, Esq., Chamberlain:

SIR—In reply to your note of this date I beg to send you inclosed a copy of a communication addressed by me on the 12th instant to the Commissioners of Accounts, which will explain to you the action taken by me in the matter to which you refer.

Very respectfully,

SAM'L B. H. VANCE, Mayor.

(Copy.)

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
New York, December 12, 1874. }

To the Commissioners of Accounts:

GENTLEMEN—At the last meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a resolution was adopted by which the Mayor and the Chamberlain were appointed a committee to examine and report on the Sinking Fund securities.

This resolution does not meet with my approval. The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are the lawful custodians of these securities, and as both the Mayor and the Chamberlain are members of the Commission, the duty of ascertaining and determining whether the securities are intact ought to devolve upon and be performed by some other authority.

By the Charter this duty is imposed upon you, and I have, therefore, to request that, with as little delay as possible, you proceed with and make a careful and

thorough examination of all the securities in the Sinking Fund, and report the result of such examination to this office and publish the same in the "City Record."

Respectfully,

(Signed) SAM'L B. H. VANCE, Mayor.

On motion, adjourned.

SAM. B. H. VANCE, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
GEO. W. LANE, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 25, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office February 25, 1875.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

On motion of the Recorder, the Mayor was appointed Chairman of this Board for the ensuing year.

The Comptroller submitted the following applications for water grants, which on motion of the Recorder, were referred to the Counsel to the Corporation to investigate the title of the City to the premises for which said grants are applied for, viz.:

John S. Pierce for grant of land under water on the East river, between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-seventh streets.

James Van Buren for grant of land under water on the East river, between Ninety-sixth and Ninety-seventh streets.

L. S. Hargous for grant of land under water on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-first and One Hundred and Twenty-second streets.

W. F. Rowland for grant of land under water on Harlem river, south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, 200 feet east of Fifth avenue.

Nicholas A. Lespinasse for grant of land under water on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Sixty-fourth and One Hundred and Sixty-sixth streets.

The application of the Board of Education for five lots of ground, north side of East Sixty-seventh street, between Lexington and Third avenues, for public school purposes, was received, and, on motion of the Recorder, referred to the Comptroller.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks, stating that the Dock Department, "in order to proceed with its work of improving the water front of the City under the new plan adopted, is desirous to obtain possession of such portion of the water front, the title of which is not vested in the Corporation, embraced in the district lying between Canal and Barrow streets, on the North river," and asking the approval of this Board for the purchase for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, of 75 feet of bulkhead adjoining the northerly side of Pier No. 34, and the 50 feet of bulkhead north of Pier No. 36, North river, provided the same can be obtained at the price of \$200 per lineal foot.

On motion, the communication was laid on the table.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks (dated January 14, 1875) requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to direct the Comptroller to prepare and issue Dock Bonds of the City of New York for \$1,000,000 for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks; whereupon the Recorder moved that the said communication be referred to the Comptroller.

Pending the discussion of this motion, the Comptroller submitted the protest of William F. Morgan, contractor, No. 287 West street, New York, against the action of the Commissioners of Docks in the matter of the proposals and award of contract for erecting sheds on New Piers Nos. 43 and 46, North river.

The Recorder objected to the reception of this protest, as it contained a very grave charge against the Commissioners of Docks, and moved that a copy of the protest be remitted to the said Commissioners; which was adopted.

The discussion of the motion to refer the application of the Commissioners of Docks, for the issue of Dock Bonds, to the Comptroller, was resumed, when the Comptroller proceeded to give his views respecting this application and protest, when the Chairman decided he was out of order.

The question was then taken on the motion of the Recorder to refer the application of the Commissioners of Docks for the issue of \$1,000,000 Dock Bonds to the Comptroller; which was adopted, the Mayor, the Recorder and the Chamberlain voting in the affirmative, and the Comptroller in the negative.

The Comptroller submitted the following preambles and resolutions, viz.:

Whereas, By subdivision 1 of section 6 of chapter 574, Laws of 1871, it is provided that the Commissioners of the Department of Docks "shall possess such powers and perform such duties * * * as shall be established and defined by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York"; and

Whereas, It is provided by subdivision 8 of the same section that "the annual expenses of said Board (of Commissioners of Docks) for rent, furniture, supplies

"and compensation of Secretary and subordinate officers, clerks and agents shall "not exceed in the aggregate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars"; therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Docks be and they are hereby requested to furnish this Board with a statement of expenditures by them, for the purposes above specified, for and during the year 1874, and also to inform this Board of the location of any building or offices they may have hired for the use of the Dock Department, and the amount of rent to be paid for the same annually, and the terms and conditions of the lease of the premises.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Docks be and they are hereby requested to furnish this Board with information as to their operations on the following points, to wit:

1. A statement showing the cost of new piers built by the Department of Docks, and the rents received on each, with the percentage they yield annually on their cost, respectively.

2. A statement of what piers, wharves and docks are not rented, if any, and the reasons therefor.

3. A statement of rents of piers, wharves and docks remaining uncollected, if any, and the reasons therefor.

4. A statement of expenditures in 1874 for work which has been performed according to the plan or plans for the improvement of the water front, formerly adopted by this Board, under the provisions of subdivision 3 of section 6 of chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, and what portion has been done by contract to the lowest bidder.

5. Whether any work has been performed in 1874 not embraced in the said plan or plans, and if so, the amount of expenditures therefor, and whether the same was done by contract or otherwise.

The Recorder moved the adoption of the preamble and resolutions.

The Comptroller proceeded to discuss the resolutions, and referred to the matter of receiving proposals at the various departments of the City Government, and the necessity of great care in accepting bids and awarding contracts. Large numbers came to the Comptroller for examination and approval that were seriously defective, giving him great trouble and occupying more or less of his time in ascertaining the character of the sureties offered. He stated that it had been said that he caused delay in the work of the Department of Docks, and made reference to the case of Pier No. 1, and was proceeding with his remarks when the Chairman decided that the Comptroller was out of order, as his statement referred to matters of a personal character.

After some further discussion the preamble and resolutions, on the motion of the Recorder, were adopted.

Adjourned.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 5, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Comptroller's Office March 5, 1875.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the preamble and resolutions adopted at the last meeting, requesting the said Commissioners to furnish this Board with certain information relative to their expenditures and operations for the year 1874, stating that the information asked for would be furnished as soon as possible, and calling attention to their requisition of January 14, 1875, for the issue of bonds for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks; which, on motion, was laid on the table.

The Chairman stated that this meeting was called for the special purpose of considering the requisition of the Commissioners of Docks, submitted to this Board at the last meeting and referred to the Comptroller, for the issue of one million dollars Dock Bonds for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks.

In reply to the inquiry of the Chairman the Comptroller stated that he had not prepared a resolution for the action of this Board, authorizing the issue of the amount of bonds asked for by the Commissioners of Docks, as he was opposed to the issue of so large an amount at this time without further information as to its necessity.

After a general discussion of the subject, in which the Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen participated,

the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by the Chamberlain, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act, chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, one million dollars Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising the moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, being the amount of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks dated January 14, 1875.

The Comptroller moved to amend the resolution by substituting \$200,000 in lieu of \$1,000,000.

The question was taken on the motion to amend, and was not adopted, the Comptroller voting in the affirmative, and the Mayor, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen in the negative.

The Comptroller then moved to amend the resolution by making the amount \$300,000 in lieu of \$1,000,000, which was not adopted, the Commissioners voting as on the previous motion.

The subject was further discussed, when, on the suggestion of the Comptroller, the resolution was modified by adding after the words from time to time the following: "as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department," and as thus modified was, on motion, unanimously adopted as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act, chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, one million dollars Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising the moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act, relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, being the amount of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks dated January 14, 1875.

Adjourned.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

MAGNUS GROSS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 31, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office March 31, 1875, pursuant to the following order, viz.:

OFFICE OF THE MAYORALTY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, March 30, 1875. }

The undersigned, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, hereby designate the Mayor's Office in the City Hall as the place at which all meetings of the Board shall be held until otherwise ordered, and you will please call a meeting of the Board to be held on Wednesday, March 31, at 1 P. M.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
_____, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, City Chamberlain.
MAGNUS GROSS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

To Mr. WILLIAM H. DIKEMAN, Clerk, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks notifying this Board that on the 1st day of May next, they would surrender certain premises on the Thirteenth avenue, between Little Twelfth and Gansevoort street, belonging to the City and occupied by the Department of Docks for storage and other purposes; which, on motion, was ordered on file.

A communication was received from the President of the Third Avenue Railroad Company offering to lease for five years three lots belonging to the City, corner of Sixty-sixth street and Third avenue, to be used for the storage of trucks, sweepers, etc.

The Comptroller stated that property of this description could be leased only on bids at public auction; when, on motion of the Recorder, it was ordered that said lots be leased at public auction, as provided by law.

The Comptroller called attention to the application of the Board of Education for five lots of ground on the north side of East Sixty-seventh street, between Lexington and Third avenues, for public school purposes, referred to him at the meeting held February 25, 1875.

The subject was laid over for future consideration.

The Comptroller submitted a report on ferry leases, together with a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation on the same subject; also a communication from the Clerk of the Common Council returning unexecuted the lease to "The New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company," with his reasons for not signing and affixing the seal of the City of New York to the said lease (see report on file).

After a brief discussion, on motion of the Recorder, the report was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion, whether the leases of ferry franchises, and other property connected therewith, should be executed by the Mayor in behalf of the City; and also whether the Clerk of the Common Council is required to have the authorization by a resolution of the Common Council before he can legally sign said leases and affix thereto the common seal of the City of New York.

The Comptroller submitted a list of property belonging to the City which is unoccupied, or the leases of which will expire on the 1st of May next (see list on file).

On motion of the Recorder, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to lease at public auction on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, for the term of two years, all of the property belonging to the City of New York which is now vacant, or the leases of which will expire on the 1st day of May, 1875, and that the Comptroller take whatever steps may be necessary to have such premises appraised preparatory to the sale, and to proceed with the sale in the manner prescribed by law.

Henry P. McGown, Esq., appeared before the Commissioners and was heard in reference to his application (submitted December 10, 1873, and referred to the Comptroller) for a quit claim from the City to the land under water in front of

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three gores of upland owned by him on the southerly side of "Harlem creek" between Second avenue and Harlem river.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

MAGNUS GROSS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 21, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office April 21, 1875.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the appraisal of real estate belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, made by Samuel C. Holmes, and of the rent of the property to be sold at public auction on a lease of two years, April 23, 1875; which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Fort Gansevoort Map.

- No. 1. Rent on term of two years, \$200 per annum.
- No. 2. Rent on term of two years, \$125 per annum.
- No. 3. Rent on term of two years, \$125 per annum.
- No. 4. Rent on term of two years, \$125 per annum.
- No. 5. Rent on term of two years, \$125 per annum.
- No. 6. Rent on term of two years, \$125 per annum.
- No. 7. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 8. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 30. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 15. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 16. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 17. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 18. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 19. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 20. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.

- No. 21. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 22. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 23. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 51. Rent on term of two years, \$125 per annum.
- No. 52. Rent on term of two years, \$175 per annum.
- No. 61. Rent on term of two years, \$200 per annum.
- No. 62. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 63. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 64. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 65. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 66. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 67. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 68. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 69. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- No. 70. Rent on term of two years, \$150 per annum.
- Office 71 and 72. Rent on term of two years, \$500 per annum.

Hamilton Square.

Third Avenue, West Side Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh Streets.

Corner Sixty-sixth street; value, \$12,500; rent on term of two years, \$250 per annum.

Six inside lots; value \$8,000 each; rent on term of two years, \$150 each per annum.

Corner Sixty-seventh street; value, \$12,000; rent on term of two years, \$200 each per annum.

Block Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth Streets.

The corners Third avenue; value, \$12,000 each; rent on term of two years, \$200 each per annum.

Six inside avenue lots; value, \$8,000 each; rent on term of two years, \$150 each per annum.

Street lots; value \$5,000 each; rent on term of two years, \$75 each per annum.

The corners Lexington avenue; value, \$10,000 each; rent on term of two years, \$150 each per annum.

Inside Lexington avenue lots, value, \$5,000 each; rent on term of two years, \$100 each per annum.

Eighteenth Ward Market.

Value \$200,000; rent on term of two years, \$1,500 per annum.

No. 49 Leonard Street.

Valuation \$15,000; rent, two years' term, \$750 per annum.

No. 53 Spring Street.

Valuation \$12,500; rent, two years' term, \$600 per annum.

No. 61 Thompson Street.

Valuation \$15,000; rent, two years' term, \$900 per annum.

No. 160 Wooster Street.

Valuation \$12,500; rent, two years' term, \$900 per annum.

No. 352 West Thirty-fifth Street.

Valuation \$12,500; rent, two years' term, \$600 per annum.

Fulton Market.

Nos. 19, 20 and 21; rent, two years' term, \$2,500 per annum.

Washington Market.

No. 2; rent, two years' term, \$750 per annum.

Essex Market.

No. 2; rent, two years' term, \$200 per annum.

Franklin Market.

Part first floor, South street; two years' term, \$1,200 per annum.

Part main floor next adjoining; two years' term, \$300 per annum.

Balance main floor, two years' term, \$800 per annum.

Harlem Market Ground.

Lot No. 4. One Hundred and Twentieth street; valuation \$5,000; rent, two years' term, \$200 per annum.

Lot No. 13. One Hundred and Twenty-first street; valuation \$5,000; rent two years' term, \$200 per annum.

Lot No. 14. One Hundred and Twenty-first street; valuation \$5,000; rent, two years' term, \$200 per annum.

Lot No. 15. One Hundred and Twenty-first street; valuation \$5,000; rent, two years' term, \$200 per annum.

The Comptroller submitted the conditions and terms of sale of real estate of the Corporation of the City of New York to be leased at auction April 23, 1875, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel to be paid to the Collector of the City Revenue at the time and place of sale, and the successful bidder will be required at the same time to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

The twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent, or forfeited if the lessee does not execute the lease and bonds within fifteen days after the sale, and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above, and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation (section 99 of Charter of 1873).

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damages by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in this City during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

The leases, bonds and revenue stamps to be at the expense of the lessees.

Should the Corporation sell, lease, rebuild or remove any of the markets during the term for which the lease is granted, the leases of the property so sold, and of the cellars and other premises in or under the markets so sold, leased, rebuilt or removed, are to be canceled at the option of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and no deduction or award for damages will be made by the Corporation therefor.

On motion of the Comptroller, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby authorize the sale of the leases of the property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, as advertised to take place on the 23d of April, 1875, to be carried into effect on condition that no lease be sold for a less rent than the appraised value.

The Comptroller submitted a report on the application of the Board of Education for five lots of ground north side of Sixty-seventh street, between Lexington and

Third avenues, for public school purposes, which was referred to him March 31, 1875; which was ordered on file.

Adjourned.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

MAGNUS GROSS, 'Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 30, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office April 30, 1875.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted a report in relation to the sale of leases for two years of real estate of the City, April 23, 1875; whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to lease at public auction, on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, for a term to expire on May 1, 1877, all of the property included in sale of April 23, 1875, which was not disposed of at such sale, together with any other real estate which is now unoccupied or the leases of which will expire on May 1, 1875; and that he take whatever steps may be necessary to have such property appraised preparatory to the sale, and proceed with the sale in the manner prescribed by law. No parcel to be leased at less than the value at which the same shall have been appraised.

The Comptroller submitted a report in relation to sales of real estate of the City in 1866 and 1867, the deeds of which have not been delivered, the purchasers having neglected to pay the balance of the consideration money; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine the facts in the case and report the proper action to be taken in the matter.

The Comptroller called attention to the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at the meeting held February 25, 1875, requesting the Commissioners of Docks to furnish this Board with a statement of the expenditures and operations

of the Dock Department for the year 1874, and stated that the information called for had not been furnished as requested; the Comptroller also referred to a bill before the Legislature to increase the salaries of the Commissioners of Docks, and expressed his decided disapproval of the increase of the salaries of the said Commissioners, as contemplated by the bill referred to; when the Mayor decided the Comptroller to be out of order in his remarks, as this Board had nothing to do with regulating the salaries of the Commissioners of Docks.

The Comptroller entered his protest against the decision of the Mayor as to the question of order in this case, and his protest was allowed; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Docks be and hereby are directed to furnish the information requested in the resolutions adopted by this Board February 25, 1875.

An application was received from the Board of Police for a plot of ground, thirty-six feet front by one hundred feet deep, on the north side of Fifty-first street, between Third and Lexington avenues, adjoining and west of fire engine house, for the purpose of erecting a police station-house thereon; and also for two lots, each twenty-five by one hundred feet, on the north side of Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, immediately east of property now used as a fire engine-house, to be used for the erection of a police station-house thereon; which was ordered on file.

The report of the Counsel to the Corporation on the communication of the Comptroller in relation to ferry leases and other property connected therewith, submitted to this Board March 31, 1875, and referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion in relation to the execution of leases of ferry franchises, etc., was received and ordered on file.

The following resolution was submitted, and, on motion, laid on the table for further consideration, viz.:

Resolved, That all leases of ferry franchises and other property, hereafter awarded or granted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, be executed on behalf of said Commissioners by the Comptroller, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to execute the same on behalf of said Commissioners.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

MAGNUS GROSS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIXMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 14, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office May 14, 1875.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The Comptroller submitted the appraisement of the value of the rent of the real estate of the Corporation of the City of New York to be leased at public auction May 18, 1875, for a term of one year and eleven months from the 1st of June next, made by Samuel C. Holmes, viz:

Fort Gansevoort Map.

- No. 1. Rent on term of two years, \$125 per annum.
- No. 2. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 3. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 4. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 5. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 6. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 7. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 8. Rent on term of two years, \$60 per annum.
- No. 30. Rent on term of two years, \$60 per annum.
- No. 15. Rent on term of two years, \$60 per annum.
- No. 16. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 17. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 18. Rent on term of two years, \$60 per annum.
- No. 19. Rent on term of two years, \$60 per annum.
- No. 20. Rent on term of two years, \$60 per annum.
- No. 21. Rent on term of two years, \$60 per annum.
- No. 22. Rent on term of two years, \$100 per annum.
- No. 23. Rent on term of two years, \$60 per annum.
- No. 51. Rent on term of two years, \$60 per annum.

- No. 52. Rent on term of two years, \$80 per annum.
- No. 61. Rent on term of two years, \$125 per annum.
- No. 62. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 63. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 64. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 65. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 66. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 67. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 68. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 69. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- No. 70. Rent on term of two years, \$75 per annum.
- Nos. 71 and 72. Rent on term of two years, \$250 per annum.

Hamilton Square.

Third Avenue, West Side, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth Streets.

Lot No. 1. Northwest corner Sixty-seventh street and Third avenue, \$150 per annum.

Lot No. 2. Northwest corner Sixty-seventh street and Third avenue, \$100 per annum.

Lot No. 6. Northwest corner Sixty-seventh street and Third avenue, \$100 per annum.

Lot No. 7. Northwest corner Sixty-seventh street and Third avenue, \$100 per annum.

Lot No. 9. Northwest corner Sixty-seventh street and Third avenue, \$60 per annum.

Balance of street lots, except Lot No. 33, \$60 each per annum.

Corner lots on Lexington avenue, \$100 each per annum.

Inside lots on Lexington avenue, \$60 each per annum.

Eighteenth Ward Market.

Value \$200,000; \$5,000 per annum.

House No. 61 Thompson street; \$800 per annum.

Market Cellars.

No. 2 Washington Market (two years' term); \$600 per annum.

All that portion of main floor, Franklin Market, unsold; \$600 per annum.

Harlem Market Map.

Lot No. 4. On One Hundred and Twentieth street, on two years' term, \$100 per annum.

Lot No. 13. On One Hundred and Twenty-first street, on two years' term, \$100 per annum.

Lot No. 14. On One Hundred and Twenty-first street, on two years' term, \$100 per annum.

Lot No. 15. On One Hundred and Twenty-first street, on two years' term, \$100 per annum.

Whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of valuations of the property to be leased at public auction on May 18, 1875, as made by Samuel C. Holmes.

The Comptroller submitted a list of the real estate of the Corporation of the City of New York, the leases of which are advertised to be sold at public auction May 18, 1875; together with the terms of said sale as follows:

Terms of Sale.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel to be paid to the Collector of the City Revenue at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required, at the same time, to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

The twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent, or forfeited if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off, by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation, upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation (section 99 of Charter of 1873).

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the City during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the

payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

Should the Corporation sell, lease, rebuild or remove any of the markets during the term for which the lease is granted, the leases of the property so sold and of the cellars and other premises in or under the markets so sold, leased, rebuilt or removed, are to be canceled at the option of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and no deduction or award for damages will be made by the Corporation therefor.

Whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby authorize the sales of the leases of the property belonging to the City of New York as advertised to take place on May 18, 1875, to be carried into effect on condition that no lease be sold for a less rent than the appraised value; and do hereby approve of "the terms of sale" submitted by the Comptroller.

The resolution submitted at the last meeting of this Board in relation to the execution of leases of ferry franchises and other property awarded or granted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and laid over for consideration, was taken up for action, and, on motion of the Recorder, adopted as follows:

Resolved, That all leases of ferry franchises and other property hereafter awarded or granted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be executed on behalf of said Commissioners by the Comptroller; and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to execute the same on behalf of said Commissioners.

The report of the Commissioners of Docks, in response to the resolution of this Board, adopted February 25, 1875, requesting the Commissioners of Docks to furnish this Board with a statement of the expenditures and operations of the Dock Department for the year 1874, was received and ordered on file.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 30, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office June 30, 1875.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The application of the Society of the New York Hospital for vacant station-house, either in Beekman street or Chambers street, to be used as a house of relief or accident hospital, was received; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the premises No. 160 Chambers street, formerly used as a police station and now vacant, be and the same are hereby appropriated to the New York Hospital, for temporary use as a house of relief, on the condition that they maintain there during such occupancy a free house of relief or hospital for accidents, subject to the pleasure of this Board in regard to the period of such occupancy, possession to be given immediately upon the premises being turned over to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by the Police Department.

The application of the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company "for a franchise to run a ferry from the foot of Whitehall street, known as Pier No. 1, East river, to the eastern shore of Staten Island," was received.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen stated that the authority to grant the franchise for this ferry was vested in the Common Council.

While the question whether it was right of this Board or of the Common Council to grant ferry franchises was being discussed, the Comptroller submitted a

list of ferries for which awards were made under the advertisement of April 24, 1874, but no leases executed; and of ferries for which no award was made under the said advertisement; and also of ferries the leases of which have expired since May 1, 1874; and submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take all necessary measures to lease the franchise of all existing ferries the leases of which have expired or for which no award has been made—such measures to be taken in accordance with the conditions approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at their meeting held on April 1, 1874.

The discussion in relation to the application of the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company was resumed; whereupon the Recorder submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the application of the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company "for a franchise to run a ferry from the foot of Whitehall street, known as Pier "No. 1, East river, to the eastern shore of Staten Island," be granted, and that said franchise be disposed of on sealed bids, and that this Board take the steps required by the Charter and law for that purpose.

The Comptroller stated that the ferry for which this franchise is asked had not been established by the Common Council, and it seemed to him that this Board could only lease the franchise of ferries which had been thus established, and moved that the resolution be laid over for further consideration; which was not adopted. The resolution submitted by the Recorder was then adopted, the Mayor, the Recorder, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen voting in the affirmative, and the Comptroller in the negative.

The application of the Board of Education for a site for a grammar school, east side of Lexington avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.
MAGNUS GROSS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 6, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office October 6, 1875.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the bids for ferry franchises received September 23, 1875, in response to the advertisement of September 7, 1875, as follows, viz.:

Ferry (franchise only) from the foot of Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, L. I., for five years—

Shepherd Knapp and Edward S. Knapp, \$1,500 per annum, for term of ten years.

Ferry (franchise only) from the foot of Barclay street, North river, to Hoboken, N. J., for two years—

Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, W. W. Shippen, President; two and one-half per cent. on gross receipts at Barclay street.

Ferry from foot of Grand street, East river, to Grand street, Brooklyn, E. D. including such wharf property as shall have been heretofore used by the ferry run from these points; for ten years, subject to payment of \$2,000 per annum for first five years and \$3,000 per annum for second five years rent—

The New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company, James Affleck, Secretary, \$3,000 per annum for first five years, and \$4,000 per annum for second five years.

Ferry from the north side of Twenty-third street, East river, as now occupied, to Greenpoint, L. I., for five years, subject to \$2,000 per annum rent—

Shepherd Knapp and Edward S. Knapp, \$3,500 per annum for term of ten years.

Ferry from foot of Desbrosses street, North river, to Jersey City, N. J., for one year, subject to \$3,000 per annum rent—

Associates of the Jersey Company, A. L. Dennis, President, \$1,000 per annum.

Ferry from the foot of Chambers street, North river, to Pavonia, N. J., for one year, subject to \$15,000 per year rent—

Erie Railway Company, H. J. Jewett, Receiver, two and one-half per cent. on the gross receipts in addition to \$15,000 rent.

On motion of the Chamberlain, the following resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Barclay street, North river, to Hoboken, New Jersey, for the term of two years, from October 1, 1875, be awarded to the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, at an annual rent of two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) per centum on the gross receipts; and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease therefor, with the usual covenants and in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of the Corporation sale of ferry franchises of September 23, 1875.

Resolved, That the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Chambers street, North river, to Pavonia, New Jersey, be awarded to H. J. Jewett, as receiver for the Erie Railway Company, for the term of one year from May 1, 1875, at an annual rent of two and one-half per centum on the gross receipts, subject to fifteen thousand dollars per year rent, as fixed by the Department of Docks for the use of the pier or wharf property belonging to the City; and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease therefor, with the usual covenants and in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of the Corporation sale of ferry franchises of September 23, 1875.

Resolved, That the bids received for the following named ferries, viz.:

First—From the foot of Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, L. I.;

Second—From the foot of Grand street, East river, to Grand street, Brooklyn, E. D.;

Third—From the foot of Twenty-third street, East river, to Greenpoint, L. I.; and

Fourth—From the foot of Desbrosses street, North river, to Jersey City, New Jersey;

—not being in accordance with the terms of the advertisement made by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under date of September 7, 1875, be and the same are hereby rejected, and that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to readvertise, and to take all other necessary measures to lease the franchise of the said ferries, such measures to be taken in accordance with the conditions approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at their meeting held April 1, 1874.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of the Board of Education, for site for grammar school, east side of Lexington avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the premises commencing at the northeast corner of Lexington avenue and Sixty-seventh street, running thence north along the easterly side of Lexington avenue one hundred feet five inches to the line of the centre of the block between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets; thence east along such centre line one hundred and twenty-five feet; thence south parallel to Lexington avenue one hundred feet five inches to the northerly line or side of Sixty-seventh street; and thence west along the northerly side of Sixty-seventh street one hundred and twenty-five feet to the point of beginning, be and the same are hereby assigned to the Board of Education of the City of New York for the erection of an edifice for a grammar or primary school, and for the use of said Board during the time that such premises are occupied and used for common school purposes.

The application of James W. Beekman for quit claim for gore of land corner of Fourth avenue and Sixty-fifth street, to remove cloud from title, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

The following applications were received and referred to the Comptroller, with power, viz.:

Application of John Walsh to have money paid by him on Lots Nos. 54 and 55, Fort Gansevoort property (sale of October, 1867) returned to him, with interest.

Application of executrix of Morty Forhan to be allowed interest on money paid on Lots Nos. 12 and 13, Fort Gansevoort property (sale of October, 1867) to date of possession, to be credited upon the interest due upon the bond and mortgage on said lots.

Application of executors of estate of Adam Treadwell, deceased, for return of amount overpaid on account of "street vault" southeast corner of Greenwich and Murray streets.

Application of Man & Parsons, on behalf of the heirs of Adon Smith, "for a release from any right claimed by the City" to certain lots between One Hundred and Eighth and One Hundred and Tenth streets, near the First avenue, Harlem river.

A communication was received from Fitz John Porter, Esq., Commissioner of Public Works, in relation to the continued use of two lots, Fort Gansevoort property, by the Department of Public Works as a Corporation yard; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

A communication was received from Fitz John Porter, Commissioner of Public Works, in relation to claim of Bradish Johnson & Sons for return of portion of the water rent paid for the year ending May 1, 1875, on premises in West Sixteenth street, occupied as a sugar refinery, all operations in said refinery having ceased before November 1, 1874; which, on motion, was laid over for consideration.

The following communications was received from the Commissioners of Docks, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
NEW YORK, September 1, 1875. }

To the Honorable Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, City of New York:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to advise that at a meeting of the Board governing this Department, held this day, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, This Department having decided to proceed with the work of building new Pier No. 42, North river, with adjoining bulkhead, it is deemed advisable that an alteration be made in the width of said pier, as laid down on the plans adopted by this Department; be it therefore

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of the act passed May 16, 1872, entitled an Act to amend certain provisions of law relating to wharves, piers and bulkheads in the City of New York, application be and the same is hereby made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to change the plans as adopted by said Commissioners and the Commissioners of Docks, so that two (2) feet may be taken from the southerly side of new Pier 42, North river, and thirteen feet taken away from the northerly side of said pier, making the width thereof seventy-five feet instead of ninety feet as at present laid down, and that tracings of the pier referred to be transmitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for approval.

Pursuant to said resolution, inclosed herewith please find tracings in duplicate.

Very respectfully,

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

On motion of the Comptroller, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby consent to and approve of the proposed alteration in the width of Pier No. 42, North river, as designated in the foregoing resolution of the Commissioners of Docks.

(Tracings of the pier referred to filed.)

The following communication from the Commissioners of Docks was also received, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS,
NEW YORK, October 6, 1875. }

Hon. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM, Chairman, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—I have the honor to advise that at a meeting of the Commissioners of the Board governing this Department, held this day, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, This Department, on or about 1st of June, 1875, entered into an agreement with the Erie Railway Company, as per resolution adopted by this Board on the 14th of July, to lease for a term of years certain wharf property to be constructed on the new plans as adopted by this Department on the North river, located in the vicinity of the premises at the foot of Chambers street, North river, now occupied by said company for ferry and terminal purposes; and

Whereas, It is the intention of this Department to erect in front of the five hundred and sixty feet of bulkhead included in said lease three new piers of the dimensions hereinafter stated, and to be located upon the lines not laid down on the plans for that district of the water front heretofore adopted by the Board and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and they are hereby respectfully requested, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 738 of the Laws of 1872, to consent to and approve of the following changes in the width and location of the proposed piers, as shown on the accompanying diagram, to wit: That the lines of new Piers Nos. 19, 20 and 21, as laid down on the map prepared by this Department and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on April 27, 1871, be changed and annulled, and that in place thereof be substituted the lines for three new piers to be also designated as Piers 19, 20 and 21, and to be of the following dimensions, to wit: Pier 19, six hundred feet by sixty feet; Pier 20, five hundred and ninety-six feet by one hundred feet; Pier 21, five hundred and eighty-nine feet by one hundred feet; the northerly line of proposed Pier 19 to be about forty-eight feet north of the northerly line of Pier 19 now established; the southerly line of Pier 20 to be distant about one hundred and sixty feet from the northerly line of new Pier 19 as proposed to be established, and the southerly line of Pier 21 to be distant about two hundred feet from the northerly line of Pier 20 as proposed to be established.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EUGENE T. LYNCH, Secretary.

On motion of the Comptroller, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby consent to and approve of the proposed changes in the width and location of Piers Nos. 19, 20 and 21, North river, as designated in the foregoing resolution of the Commissioners of Docks.

(Diagram showing the proposed changes in the width and location of the piers referred to filed.)

The application of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction for vacant station-house in Beekman street for an "Emergency Hospital for temporary use," was received, and, on motion, laid over to the next meeting.

A communication, with annexed papers, in relation to purchase of Pier No. 44, North river, of the Inman Steamship Company, John G. Dale, agent, for the sum

of \$250,000 was received from the Commissioners of Docks, and, on motion, laid over to the next meeting.

On motion, adjourned to Saturday next, 9th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

MAGNUS GROSS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 8, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office November 8, 1875.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works transmitting to this Board a notification from the Superintendent of Buildings that the building known as Park Hospital, in Centre street, near Chambers, has been condemned as unsafe, and requesting that immediate steps be taken for its removal; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The Comptroller submitted the following bids for ferry franchises received in response to advertisement of October 16, 1875:

Ferry from the foot of Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island, for the term of five years from November 1, 1875—

Shepherd Knapp and Edward S. Knapp; two and one-half per cent. on gross receipts at Tenth street.

Ferry from the north side of Twenty-third street, East river, as now occupied, to Greenpoint, Long Island, for the term of five years from November 1, 1875, subject to \$2,000 per annum rent payable quarter-yearly to the Department of Docks—

Shepherd Knapp and Edward S. Knapp; two and one-half per cent. on the gross receipts at Twenty-third, subject to two thousand dollars per annum rent as fixed by the Department of Docks.

Ferry from the foot of Desbrosses street, North river, to Jersey City, New Jersey, for the term of one year from November 1, 1875, subject to \$3,000 per annum rent, payable quarter-yearly to the Department of Docks—

The Associates of the Jersey Company, by A. L. Dennis, President; two and one-half per centum of the gross receipts for ferriage, in full for the lease of franchises, and not subject to the payment of any rent to the Department of Docks.

Ferry from the foot of Grand street, East river, to Grand street, Brooklyn, E. D., including such wharf property as shall have been heretofore used by the ferry, run from these points, for the term of ten years from November 1, 1875, subject to the payment of \$2,000 per annum for the first five years, and \$3,000 per annum during the second five years; rent payable quarter-yearly to the Department of Docks—

New York and Brooklyn Ferry Company—For first five years, at \$3,000 per annum; second five years, \$4,000 per annum; ferry improvements made by company on the property belonging to the City of New York to be paid for to the company at its fair valuation at the expiration of lease.

Whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were respectively adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island, for the term of five years from November 1, 1875, be awarded to Shepherd Knapp and Edward S. Knapp at an annual rent of two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) per centum on the gross receipts, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease therefor, with the usual covenants and in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of the Corporation sale of ferry franchises of October 16, 1875.

Resolved, That the franchise of the ferry from the north side of Twenty-third street, East river, as now occupied, to Greenpoint, Long Island, for the term of five years from November 1, 1875, be awarded to Shepherd Knapp and Edward S. Knapp at an annual rent of two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) per centum on the gross receipts, subject to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per annum rent, as fixed by the Department of Docks for the use of pier or wharf property belonging to the Corporation; and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease therefor with the usual covenants and in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of the Corporation sale of ferry franchises of October 16, 1875.

Resolved, That the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Desbrosses street, North river to Jersey City, New Jersey, for the term of one year from November 1, 1875, be awarded to the Associates of the Jersey Company at an annual rent of two and one-half per centum of the gross receipts, subject to three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum rent as fixed by the Department of Docks for the use of the pier or wharf

property belonging to the Corporation, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease therefor with the usual covenants and in accordance with the terms of the advertisement of the Corporation sale of ferry franchises of October 16, 1875.

Resolved, That the bids received for the ferry from the foot of Grand street, East river, to Grand street, Brooklyn, E. D., not being in accordance with the terms of the advertisement made by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, under date of October 16, 1875, be and the same are hereby rejected, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized to readvertise and to take all other necessary measures to lease the franchise of the said ferry; such measures to be taken in accordance with the conditions approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at their meeting held April 1, 1874.

The following resolution of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor November 3, 1875, was received, viz.:

Resolved, That a ferry be and is hereby established to run from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York City, to Staten Island; the franchise to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

Whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take all necessary measures to lease the franchise of the ferry established by the Common Council by resolution approved by the Mayor November 3, 1875, to run from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island; such measures to be taken in accordance with the conditions approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at their meeting held April 1, 1874.

The Comptroller stated that on the 30th of October, 1875, there was a balance to the credit of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on the City Debt of \$1,159,952.43, and submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain, for the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000), to be charged to the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of "Surplus Revenues" of said fund, for the year 1875, and credited to the "General Fund" of the City, in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862, and chapter 308, Laws of 1874.

The Mayor submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to examine into the validity of the lease made to the Union Ferry Company in 1870, and to report the same to this Board.

The opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation on the application of James W. Beekman for quit claim for gore of land corner Fourth avenue and Sixty-fifth street, to the effect that "the legal title to said gore remains in the Corporation," was received; whereupon the Comptroller stated that the real estate of the Corporation could only be disposed of by sale at public auction; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the application be denied.

Adjourned.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

MAGNUS GROSS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 15, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office December 15, 1875.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to "the validity of the lease made to the Union Ferry Company in 1870," that said lease is invalid, was received and ordered on file; whereupon the Mayor submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were amended on the proposition of the Comptroller, and, on motion, adopted, as follows, viz.:

Whereas, under authority of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on the 22d day of June, 1870, an instrument was executed purporting to be a lease to the Union Ferry Company of Brooklyn, of the five ferries commonly known as the Fulton Ferry, the South Ferry, the Hamilton Avenue Ferry, the Catharine Ferry and the Wall Street Ferry, for the term of ten years from May 1, 1871, at an annual rental of one dollar per annum; and

Whereas, At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held on the 8th day of November, 1875, a resolution was adopted requesting the Counsel to the Corporation to examine into the validity of said purported lease and report thereon to this Board; and

Whereas, In pursuance of such resolution the Counsel to the Corporation has made such examination, and has reported to the Board that, in his opinion, said purported lease is invalid, for the reasons set forth in his communication to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of this date; therefore

Resolved, That in order that the City may receive a fair and reasonable rent for said ferries, immediate steps be taken to relet the same in the manner now

provided by law, and that the proper steps be taken to collect from the occupants of said ferries and wharf and bulkhead property the value of the use thereof since their occupancy under said pretended lease.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to examine into the legality of the lease made to the Staten Island Railroad Company March 19, 1867, demising ferry from foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island, and to report to this Board.

The Comptroller stated that on the 30th of November, 1875, there was a balance to the credit of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on the City Debt of \$308,992.10, and submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain, for the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), to be charged to "The Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of "Surplus Revenues" of said fund for the year 1875, and credited to the General Fund of the City, in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862, and chapter 308, Laws of 1874.

A communication from the Superintendent of Buildings was submitted by the Comptroller giving notice that the building on the southeast corner of Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street (Melrose) had been reported as being in a very dangerous condition; when, on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to sell at public auction on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, the building now standing on the lot at the southeast corner of Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, such building having been reported to be in a very dangerous condition, and to take all necessary measures on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to effect such sale.

The Comptroller, submitted a communication from the Board of Education "requesting this Board to reconsider their former action, and to set apart for "public school purposes, the plot of ground extending 125 feet on the south side of "Sixty-eighth street, eastwardly from Lexington avenue, and 100 feet on Lexington "avenue southwardly from Sixty-eighth street"; when, on motion, the following resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board granting premises on the northeast corner of Lexington avenue and Sixty-seventh street to the Board of

Education, on October 6, 1875, be and the same is hereby rescinded and declared of no effect.

Resolved, That the premises commencing at the southeast corner of Lexington avenue and Sixty-eighth street, running thence south along the east side of Lexington avenue one hundred feet five inches to the line of the centre of the block between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets; thence east along such centre line one hundred and twenty-five feet; thence north, parallel with Lexington avenue, one hundred feet five inches, to the southerly line or side of Sixty-eighth street, and thence west along the southerly side of Sixty-eighth street one hundred and twenty-five feet to the point of beginning, be and the same are hereby assigned to the Board of Education of the City of New York for the erection of an edifice thereon for a grammar or primary school, and for the use of said Board during the time that such premises are occupied and used for common school purposes.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to lease at public auction on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, for the term of two years from February 1, 1876, the following premises belonging to the City of New York:

No. 160 Chambers street;

No. 49 Beekman street;

No. 49 Leonard street, partly occupied by the Public Administrator;

No. 61 Thompson street;

Eighteenth Ward Market;

Old school-house corner of Avenue C and Second street;

South Fordham lot, Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.

Hamilton Square Map—

Lots No. 2 to No. 8, Third avenue, Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets;

Lots Nos. 9 to 16, Sixty-eighth street, south side Third and Lexington avenues;

Lots Nos. 22 to 25 Lexington avenue, east side Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets;

Lots Nos. 26 to 30, 31, 32, Sixty-seventh street, north side, between Third and Lexington avenues.

Harlem Market Map—

Lot No. 4. One Hundred and Twentieth street, north side, near Third avenue;

Lots Nos. 13 to 15, One Hundred and Twenty-first street, south side, near Third avenue.

Fort Gansevoort Map—

Lots Nos. 4 to 7, east side Thirteenth avenue, between Gansevoort and Bogart streets;

Lot No. 8, north side of Gansevoort street;

Fort Gansevoort Map—

Lot No. 30, south side Bogart street;

Lots Nos. 15 to 23, north side Gansevoort street, west side of West street and south side of Bogart street;

Lots Nos. 51 and 52, southwest corner of West and Bloomfield streets;

—and that the Comptroller take whatever steps may be necessary to have such premises appraised preparatory to the sale, and to proceed with the sale in the manner prescribed by law.

The application of Mrs. C. E. Westbrook for return of \$15 paid in error for Croton water rent for 1876 on lot No. 54 West Twenty-third street, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The application of Louis Namm for reduction of rent of premises Nos. 81 and 83 Chatham street on lease from May 1, 1872, to May 1, 1877, was received, and, on motion, the application was denied.

The opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation on the application of W. F. Rowland for grant of land under water on Harlem river, south side of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, was received, and, on motion, ordered to be printed in the Abstract of the Proceedings of this Board. Opinion filed.

A communication from the Commissioners of Docks in relation to the purchase of Pier No. 44, North river, of the Inman Steamship Company for \$250,000, submitted at the meeting held October 6, 1875, and laid over, was taken up for consideration; whereupon the Recorder offered the following resolution, viz.:

Whereas, It appears by a communication from the Department of Docks that an agreement has been made and entered into by and between the said Department and the Inman Ship Company for the sale and purchase of Pier No. 44, North river, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said agreement for the purchase of said pier be approved at the price or valuation of \$250,000.

After a general discussion of the subject the Comptroller moved that the consideration of the resolution be laid over to the next meeting; which was adopted.

On motion, adjourned to Wednesday, 22d instant, at 3 o'clock P. M.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

MAGNUS GROSS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 22, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office December 22, 1875.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller moved a reconsideration of the resolution adopted at the last meeting authorizing the sale at auction of the building on the corner of Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, in order to its being amended by adding after "the building on the lot at the southeast corner of Elton avenue and "One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street" the words "and the bell-tower in the rear "thereof."

The motion for reconsideration was adopted, and the resolution was amended as follows and adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to sell at public auction, on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, the building now standing on the lot at the southeast corner of Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, and the bell-tower in the rear thereof, such building having been reported to be in a very dangerous condition, and to take all necessary measures on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to effect such sale.

The Comptroller submitted an appraisement by S. C. Holmes of the building authorized to be sold at auction on the corner of Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street; which, on motion, was approved, as follows, viz.:

Brick fire engine-house.....	\$50 00
Wooden bell-tower (in the rear).....	20 00
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The Comptroller moved a reconsideration of the resolution adopted November 8, 1875, authorizing the necessary measures to be taken to lease the franchise of the ferry established by the Common Council, and approved by the Mayor November 3, 1875, to run from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, which was adopted; when, on motion, the resolution was amended and adopted, as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New York be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to advertise for bids for the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, until the 1st day of May, 1884, in accordance with the terms of the annexed form of advertisement. Form of advertisement filed.

The Comptroller submitted Requisitions Nos. 240, 241 and 242 of the Department of Docks, dated December 17, 1875, amounting to the sum of \$24,015.42, for such action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as may be deemed proper in the premises.

After a discussion as to the nature and extent of the supervisory power of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund over the transactions of the Department of Docks, the Recorder submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the questions of the powers of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund over the action of the Department of Docks as to contracting indebtedness in the furtherance of the business matters committed by law to that Department, and also as to the auditing of bills, be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

The resolution in relation to the purchase of Pier No. 44, North river, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up for consideration.

During the discussion of the resolution Edward Fitch, Esq., appeared on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Council of Political Reform, and requested that action in this matter be laid over for one week, in order to afford said committee an opportunity to submit their views on the subject.

After further remarks by members of the Board, the Recorder submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the consideration of the resolution now before this Board be laid over for one week, in order to allow all parties who may desire to present their

views in relation to this matter; and that all communications on the subject be submitted in writing.

On motion, adjourned to Wednesday, the 29th instant, at 3 o'clock P. M.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

MAGNUS GROSS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 29, 1875.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office December 29, 1875.

Present—All the Commissioners.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The resolution to approve of the agreement made by and between the Department of Docks and the Inman Steamship Company for the purchase of Pier No. 44, North river, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up for consideration.

Edward Fitch, Esq., on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Council of Political Reform, submitted a statement requesting the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund "to withhold their approval of the purchase by the Dock Commissioners "of Pier No. 44, North river, for the sum of \$250,000," for the reasons set forth in said statement. Communication filed.

A committee from the Central Organization of the Taxpayers' Association also submitted a communication protesting, for sundry reasons, against the purchase of the aforesaid pier.

Dock Commissioner Dimock, in reply, stated the reasons why the purchase should be made, and that the Dock Commissioners did not propose to pay for the property without taking due precaution as to the title.

The Comptroller stated that this matter was not before this Board in a proper form for their consideration. The papers submitted by the Commissioners of Docks consisted of a correspondence between the said Commissioners and Mr. Dale, agent of the steamship company and a resolution for the purchase of Pier No. 44, North river, for the sum of \$250,000.

No agreement in proper form had been made by the parties, and until this was done and submitted this Board was not authorized to act in the case.

The Recorder stated that in view of the vagueness as to what was proposed to be acquired by the City, in this proposed purchase, he was in favor of postponing the consideration of the subject until presented in a more definite form.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen coincided in these views, and moved that the whole subject be laid upon the table; which was adopted.

A communication was received from Charles K. Graham, Esq., formerly Chief Engineer of the Dock Department, "in relation to certain matters affecting the Department of Docks" while he was "their Chief Executive Officer."

The communication was being read, when the Chairman declared it to be out of order. Its further reading was dispensed with, and, on motion of the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, it was referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.
MAGNUS GROSS, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 17, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office February 17, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The Comptroller submitted the appraisal of the yearly rent of the property to be leased at public auction made by Samuel C. Holmes, viz.:

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller:

SIR—I have appraised the yearly rent of the under-mentioned property as follows, to wit:

Building and lot No. 160 Chambers street.....	\$3,000 00
Building and lot No. 49 Beekman street.....	2,000 00
Building and lot No. 49 Leonard street.....	1,000 00
Building and lot No. 61 Thompson street.....	900 00
Old school-house and lots corner Avenue C and Second street, South Fordham.	100 00
Lot corner Elton avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street.....	25 00
Lots Nos. 2 to 8, west side Third avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, each.....	150 00
Lots Nos. 9 to 16, south side Sixty-eighth street, between Third and Lexington avenues, each.....	50 00
Lots Nos. 22 to 25, east side Lexington avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, each.....	50 00
Lots Nos. 26 to 30, 31, 32, north side Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, each.....	50 00
Eighteenth Ward Market.....	2,000 00
Harlem Market Property—	
Lot No. 4, north side One Hundred and Twentieth street.....	50 00
Lots Nos. 13 to 15, south side One Hundred and Twenty-first street, each	50 00

Fort Gansevoort Property—

Lots Nos. 4 to 7.....	\$100 00
Lots Nos. 8 to 15 to 23 and 30, each.....	50 00
Lots Nos. 51 and 52, each.....	40 00

SAMUEL C. HOLMES.

The following resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of valuations of the property to be leased at public auction, as made by Samuel C. Holmes, herewith submitted, and fix the terms of sale as follows:

Terms of Sale.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale, and the successful bidder will be required, at the same time, to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

Twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent, or forfeited, if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bill will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation (section 99 of Charter of 1873).

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes. All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the City during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

Resolved, That the whole building No. 49 Leonard street be included in the sale of premises to be leased at public auction under direction of the Comptroller.

The Comptroller submitted the bids received January 4, 1876, in response to the advertisement of December 22, 1875, for lease of the franchise of the ferry from the

bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, to May 1, 1884; which, on motion, were laid over for consideration, viz.:

John H. Starin—Fifty per cent. of gross receipts of the ferry, and will give satisfactory security.

The Staten Island Railway Company, John J. Stephens, Secretary—Five per cent. on gross receipts of the ferry and will give satisfactory security.

The New York and Staten Island Ferry Company, W. H. Pendleton, President—Ten per cent. of gross receipts of ferry, and will give satisfactory security.

The Mayor submitted a communication from the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company asking the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for reasons stated in said communication, to award to said Company the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island; also "Copy "of report and resolution of the Committee on Ferries of the Common Council, adopted on the 21st of October, 1875 "; which, on motion, were laid on the table.

The Comptroller submitted Requisitions Nos. 254, 255 and 258 of the Department of Docks, dated respectively January 31, January 28 and February 8, 1876, amounting to the sum of \$29,473.05; which, on motion, were laid over to next meeting.

The following applications were received and laid on the table, viz.:

Application of R. G. Ralston for water grant on East river, between Tompkins and Seventeenth streets.

Application of George W. Matsell for return of Croton water rent, 1874-5, said to be paid in error.

Application of Coyle, Copeland & Fanning for return of Croton water rent, 1868; reason alleged, water not used in consequence of explosion of boiler of steam engine and discontinuance of business.

On motion, adjourned to Tuesday next, 22d instant, at 3 P. M.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 1, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office March 1, 1876.

The Mayor being absent on account of sickness, on motion of the Recorder, the Comptroller took the chair and called the Board to order.

Present—The (Acting) Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the term of the leases of the City property, authorized to be sold at public auction by resolution of December 15, 1875, be made two years from May 1, 1876.

The bids for the franchise of the ferry from foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, submitted at the last meeting, and laid over for consideration, were taken up and read, and, on motion, laid over to the next meeting.

The communication from the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company, W. H. Pendleton, President, in relation to awarding the lease of the franchise of the ferry from foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, received and laid on the table at last meeting, was taken up, and after being read, was, on motion, laid over to the next meeting.

Adjourned.

JAMES A. LEWIS, (Acting) Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 7, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office March 7, 1876, the Comptroller in the chair.

Present—The (Acting) Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from J. Percival Michelbacher, Esq., in relation to leasing property belonging to the Corporation on the southwest corner of One Hundred and Twenty-first street and Third avenue; which, on motion, was laid on the table.

A communication was received from Charles K. Graham, Civil Engineer, in relation to the masonry walls connected with the improvements at the foot of King and Canal streets, North river; which, on motion, was laid on the table.

The following resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That this Board do approve of the appraisal of that portion of Barren Island belonging to the City of New York, and of that part of the North Brother Island owned by the City of New York, as made by Samuel C. Holmes, and direct that the leases of such premises for the term of two years from May 1, 1876, be sold at auction on March 14, 1876.

Appraisal referred to in the above resolution, viz.:

NEW YORK, March 6, 1876.

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller:

SIR—I appraise the yearly rent of that part of North Brother Island owned by the Corporation of the City of New York at \$200.

And also that part of Barren Island owned by the Corporation of the City of New York at the yearly rent of \$400.

SAMUEL C. HOLMES.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to withdraw the premises No. 160 Chambers street from the sale of leases of Corporation property for March 14, 1876, and that the Society of the New York Hospital be allowed further to occupy such premises as a house of relief or hospital for accidents, subject to the pleasure of this Board.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid over to the next meeting, viz.:

Resolved, That the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York City, to Staten Island, until May 1, 1884, be awarded to John H. Starin, at fifty (50) per cent. of the gross receipts, to be paid in equal quarterly payments.

The following resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Dock Commissioners be respectfully requested to report to this Board the number and amount of contracts entered into by them now outstanding, and what other work is now being carried on by said Commissioners.

Resolved, That as it appears very little work is at present being done under the direction of said Commissioners, they be also respectfully requested to inform this Board whether it is not practicable to reduce the clerical and other forces under their control, to an extent that will leave only such as are necessary to properly protect the floating property of the City in their custody and to discharge such other duties as are imperatively required by law.

Adjourned.

JAMES A. LEWIS, (Acting) Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 18, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office March 18, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to lease at public auction, on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, for the term of five years from May 1, 1876, the following premises belonging to the City of New York:

No. 49 Beekman street;

No. 118 Sullivan street, for four years and nine months from August 1, 1876;
Old school-house corner Avenue C and Second street, Fordham.

Hamilton Square Map.

Nos. 2 to 8, west side Third avenue, Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets;

Nos. 9, 11 to 16, south side Sixty-eighth street, Third and Lexington avenues;

Nos. 22 to 25, east side Lexington avenue, Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets;

Nos. 26 to 30, 31, 32, north side Sixty-seventh street, Lexington and Third avenues.

Harlem Market Map.

No. 4, north side, One Hundred and Twentieth street, near Third avenue;

Nos. 13 to 15, south side, One Hundred and Twenty-first street, near Third avenue.

Fort Gansevoort Map.

No. 8, north side Gansevoort street.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of valuations of the property to be leased at public auction, as made by Samuel C. Holmes, herewith, and fix the terms of sale as follows:

Terms of Sale.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required, at the same time, to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

Twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent, or forfeited if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation (section 99 of Charter of 1873).

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the City during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

Appraisal of valuation of the property to be leased at public auction submitted with the aforesaid resolution and approved, viz.:

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller:

SIR—I hereby appraise the yearly rent of the property herein mentioned as follows, under lease of five years, viz.:

No. 49 Beekman street.....	\$2,000 00
Old school-house, South Fordham.....	100 00

Hamilton Square Map—

Nos. 2 to 8, west side Third avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, each.....	\$150 00
Nos. 9, 11 to 16, south side Sixty-eighth street, between Third and Lexington avenues, each.....	40 00
Nos. 22 to 25, east side Lexington avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, each.....	40 00
Nos. 26 to 30, 31, 32, north side Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, each.....	40 00

Harlem Market Map—

Lot No. 4, north side One Hundred and Twentieth street, near Third avenue.....	40 00
Lot Nos. 13 to 15, south side One Hundred and Twenty-first street, near Third avenue, each.....	40 00

Fort Gansevoort Map—

Lot No. 8, north side Gansevoort street.....	30 00
No. 118 Sullivan street, from August 1, 1876.....	800 00

SAMUEL C. HOLMES.

NEW YORK, March 17, 1876.

The Comptroller submitted leases prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation of the following ferries, viz.:

- From foot of Tenth street, East river, New York, to Greenpoint, L. I.; and
- From foot of Barclay street, North river, New York, to Hoboken, New Jersey.

Whereupon the following resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the lease to Shepherd Knapp and Edward S. Knapp, of the City of New York, for the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island, for five (5) years from November 1, 1875, as prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the Comptroller execute the same as provided for by resolution of this Board adopted May 14, 1875.

Resolved, That the lease to The Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, of the State of New Jersey, for the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Barclay street, North river, in the City and State of New York, to Hoboken, New Jersey, for two (2) years from October 1, 1875, as prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the Comptroller execute the same, as provided for by resolution of this Board adopted May 14, 1875.

The Comptroller submitted a communication from Kissam & Embury, attorneys for Auguste Pettier, in relation to title to two lots of land on the east side of Fifth

avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets (included in what was formerly Hamilton Square), sold at public auction by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, May, 1866, and requesting this Board to approve of an act, to be submitted to the Legislature at its present session, to remove the defect in the title to said lots; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The resolution, awarding the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, submitted at the last meeting and laid over for consideration, was taken up for action, amended, and, on motion, adopted as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, until May 1, 1884, be awarded to John H. Starin, at fifty (50) per cent. of the gross receipts, to be paid in equal quarterly payments, on condition that he execute the lease therefor, which shall be approved by this Board; and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease for the same, to be submitted to this Board for its approval.

Adjourned.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.
JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 29, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office March 29, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Recorder and the Chamberlain be appointed a committee to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Comptroller submitted "An Act (chapter 73, Laws of 1876) to authorize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the city of New York to sell, at public auction, the lease of the ferry from Grand street, in the city of New York, to "Grand street in the city of Brooklyn," which was ordered on file; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were laid over to the next meeting, viz.:

Resolved, That, as directed by chapter 73, Laws of 1876, "the lease for a period "of ten years" from May 1, 1876, of franchise of ferry from foot of Grand street, New York, to Grand street, Brooklyn, "together with the docks, slips and facilities "now or heretofore used for the purpose of a ferry," be sold at public auction, at the Comptroller's Office, in new County Court-house, to the highest bidder; and that, as provided by said act, a notice of such sale be advertised in

and the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," being respectively "three of the daily newspapers having the largest circulation, published in the city "of New York, and one newspaper published in the city of Brooklyn," and "six "days in each of said newspapers." The sale to take place at the end of said six days.

Resolved, That, as directed by said act, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hereby specify and determine:

First—That any person or persons to whom such lease shall be awarded shall provide a sufficient number of good and substantial steam ferry-boats, so that one of said boats shall leave the slips as often as once in every fifteen minutes between the hours of six o'clock in the morning and nine o'clock in the evening, and between the hours of nine in the evening and six in the morning once in every thirty minutes.

Second—That said lessee or lessees shall also provide and maintain substantial and convenient buildings for the accommodation of passengers at each terminus of said ferry.

Third—That "the rate or rates of fare to be charged for the conveying of "passengers, goods and merchandise, vehicles, animals, and all other articles which "may be conveyed over such ferry," shall be the same as those "now made and "collected by the Houston Street Ferry Company for similar services performed "by them."

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be directed to prepare a form of lease that shall conform in all respects to the provisions of said act, together with the usual covenants and the specifications and determinations of the foregoing resolutions.

The Comptroller also submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to cause to be prepared a statement or account of all the real estate owned by the City of New York, wherever situated, giving the location and purpose for which the property is used, and if rented to others, the names of the lessees, with the dates and terms of the leases; and that five hundred copies of the same be printed under the direction of the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.
JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 10, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office April 10, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Recorder submitted the report of the Committee to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, which, on motion, was accepted and ordered on file.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the lease, for a period of ten years, of the full and absolute franchise and right to run, maintain, operate and use, with the franchises, the ferry from Grand street, in the City of New York, to Grand street, in the City of Brooklyn, together with the docks, slips and facilities now or heretofore used for the purpose of a ferry, be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Comptroller's Office in the City of New York, in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 73 of the Laws of 1876.

Resolved, That the following notice of the said sale be advertised, as required by said chapter, in the "New York Herald," the "Sun" and the "Daily News," three of the daily newspapers having the largest circulation, published in the City of New York, and in the "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," one newspaper, published in the City of Brooklyn, for six days in each of said newspapers.

Notice.

In pursuance of the provisions of chapter 73 of the Laws of 1876, there will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the office of the Comptroller of the

City of New York, on the 18th day of April, 1876, at 12 o'clock at noon, the lease, for the period of ten years, of the full and absolute franchise and right to run, maintain, operate and use, with the franchises, the ferry from Grand street, in the City of New York, to Grand street, in the City of Brooklyn, together with the docks, slips, and facilities now or heretofore used for the purpose of a ferry. The form of the lease required to be executed by the highest bidder can be seen at the Comptroller's Office.

Resolved, That the following proper and reasonable restrictions as to the kind of boats to be used, the time of running the same, the kind of buildings to be erected for the accommodation of passengers at each terminus of said ferry, and the rate or rates of fare to be charged for the conveying of passengers, goods, merchandise, vehicles, animals and all other articles which may be conveyed over such ferry, are hereby specified and determined by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as follows (see document on file).

Resolved, That the accompanying form of lease is hereby approved as the lease to be executed and delivered to the highest bidder at the sale, as provided by said chapter 73 of the Laws of 1876; and that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to execute said lease on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund (see document on file).

The application of Isaac Odell for the return of certain water rent paid by Moller, Odell & Co. in the year 1868, on premises No. 424 Washington street, occupied as a sugar refinery, was received and referred to the Comptroller, with power.

A communication was received from John Walsh in relation to Fort Gansevoort lots, purchased by him at auction October 23, 1867, and for which he has not received deeds, proposing to take the ten per cent. paid on the day of sale (waiving interest and auctioneer's fees) in settlement; which was referred to the Comptroller, with power

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 18, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office April 18, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller is hereby authorized and empowered to take the necessary measures to lease the franchises of the following ferries, to wit:

The ferry from the foot of Cortlandt street, New York, to Jersey City, as now established; and

The ferry from foot of Chambers, New York, to Pavonia, New Jersey, the leases of which will expire on the 1st of May next, for a period not exceeding ten years from May 1, 1876; such measures to be taken in accordance with the conditions approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at their meeting held April 1, 1874.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a form of the lease for the aforesaid ferries, containing the usual covenants and conditions, and that shall conform in all respects to the laws and ordinances in relation to ferries.

The Comptroller submitted a communication from the "Hoboken Land and Improvement Company" returning, unexecuted, the lease for the franchise of the

ferry from the foot of Barclay street, New York, to Hoboken, New Jersey, as prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, under instructions of this Board, with a statement of objections to its execution (see communication on file); whereupon the following resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller is hereby requested to make a formal demand on the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company to execute the lease of the ferry from the foot of Barclay street, New York, to Hoboken, New Jersey, as prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, under instructions of this Board of October 6, 1875.

Resolved, That in case said company refuse to execute said lease, as above provided, the Counsel to the Corporation is hereby requested to report to this Board the necessary measures to enforce the rights of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty in the premises.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid over to the next meeting, viz.:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provision contained in paragraph 11, section 6 of chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, the following requisitions of the Department of Docks be countersigned by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, viz.:

Requisition No. 234, December 3, 1875.....	\$254 00
Requisition No. 266, March 6, 1876.....	6,000 00
Requisition No. 276, April 5, 1876.....	74 31
Requisition No. 277, April 5, 1876.....	3,355 21
Requisition No. 278, April 11, 1876.....	8,129 84
Requisition No. 279, April 11, 1876.....	29 20
Requisition No. 280, April 11, 1876.....	73 80

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in response to the resolution of this Board, adopted December 15, 1875, requesting him "to examine into the legality of the lease made to the Staten Island Railroad Company March 19, 1867, demising the ferry from foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island, and to report to this Board"; which, on motion, was laid on the table for consideration.

Application of David Jones and Simon Bernheimer for water grant on the East river, between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

A communication was received from Sigmund Wise submitting claim for compiling and preparing tables and statements of facts in relation to claims of the City

of New York against certain railroad companies; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller and Recorder.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 25, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office April 25, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That this Board do hereby approve of the lease of the ferry from the foot of Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, L. I., to Shepherd Knapp and Edward S. Knapp; of the lease of the ferry from the north side of Twenty-third street, East river, to Greenpoint, L. I., to Shepherd Knapp and Edward S. Knapp; of the lease of the ferry from the foot of Houston street, East river, to Grand street, Brooklyn, to the Houston Street Ferry Associates; and of the lease of the ferry from the foot of Desbrosses, North river, to Jersey City, to the Associates of the Jersey Company, as herewith submitted and approved, as to form, by the Counsel to the Corporation; and that the Comptroller be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller is hereby authorized and empowered to take the necessary measures to lease the franchise of the ferry from foot of Twenty-third street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, Jersey City, as now established, for a period not exceeding ten years from May 1, 1876; such measures to be taken in accordance with the conditions approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund at their meeting held April 1, 1874.

The Comptroller submitted leases prepared and approved, as to form, by the Counsel to the Corporation, for the ferry from foot of Chambers street to Pavonia, New Jersey; and the ferry from foot of Cortlandt street to Jersey City, which, on motion, were approved as the leases of said ferries, to be executed and delivered to the highest bidder on sealed bids, to be opened April 29, 1876, for said ferries respectively; said leases to be executed by the Comptroller on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as provided by resolution of this Board adopted May 14, 1875.

The claim of William Kelly for \$17.43, the balance (after deducting the amount for Croton water rent from May 1 to November 1, 1875, on premises No. 507 West Twenty-ninth street) of deposit of \$100 as security for return of water meter and payment of water rent, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

Report of the Commissioners of Docks in response to resolutions of this Board adopted March 7, 1876, requesting information as to the number and amount of contracts outstanding, and what other work is being carried on by said Commissioners, and whether it is not practicable to reduce the clerical and other forces under their control, etc., was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

Requisitions of the Commissioners of Docks, laid over at the last meeting, and No. 281, submitted at the present meeting, were considered, and the following resolution adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provision contained in paragraph 11, section 6 of chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, the following requisitions of the Department of Docks be countersigned by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, viz.:

Requisition No. 234, December 3, 1875.....	\$254 00
Requisition No. 266, March 6, 1876.....	6,000 00
Requisition No. 276, April 5, 1876.....	74 31
Requisition No. 277, April 5, 1876.....	3,355 21
Requisition No. 278, April 11, 1876.....	8,129 84
Requisition No. 279, April 11, 1876.....	29 20
Requisition No. 280, April 11, 1876.....	73 80
Requisition No. 281, April 20, 1876; submitted April 25, 1876.....	237 67

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
 JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
 AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
 J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 15, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office May 15, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the bids received April 29, 1876, in response to the advertisement of April 21, 1876, for leases of the franchise of the following ferries, viz.:

For the ferry from the foot of Cortlandt street, North river, to Jersey City, as now established, for the term of five years from May 1, 1876.

"Two and one-half per centum of the gross receipts for ferriage that shall hereafter, during said term, accrue at said ferry; to be paid quarter-yearly to the Corporation of the City of New York, in full for the said lease of said franchise."

THE ASSOCIATES OF THE JERSEY COMPANY.

By A. L. DENNIS, President.

For the ferry from the foot of Chambers street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, in the State of New Jersey, for the term of one year from May 1, 1876.

"In addition to the rent fixed by the Department of Docks for the use of the pier or wharf property belonging to the City, two and one-half per centum on the gross receipts from ferriage therefrom, to be paid quarter-yearly."

H. J. JEWETT, Receiver of Erie Railway Company.

Whereupon the following resolutions submitted by the Comptroller, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Cortlandt street to Jersey City, as now established, for the term of five years from

May 1, 1876, be awarded to The Associates of the Jersey Company, at the rate of two and one-half per centum of the gross receipts for ferriage, in addition to the rent fixed by the Department of Docks for the use of the pier or wharf property belonging to the City; subject also to the conditions contained in the form of lease referred to in advertisement of the sale and in resolution of this Board of April 25, 1876.

Resolved, That the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Chambers street to Pavonia, New Jersey, for the term of one year from May 1, 1876, be awarded to H. J. Jewett, Receiver of the Erie Railway Company, at the rate of two and one-half per centum of the gross receipts for ferriage, in addition to the rent fixed by the Department of Docks for the use of the pier or wharf property belonging to the City; subject also to the conditions contained in the form of lease referred to in advertisement of the sale and in resolution of this Board of April 25, 1876.

The Comptroller submitted the bid received May 11, 1876, in response to the advertisement of April 29, 1876, for lease of franchise of the ferry from the foot of Twenty-third street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, Jersey City, as now established, for the term of five years from May 1, 1876, viz.:

"In addition to the rent fixed by the Department of Docks for the use of the pier or wharf property at said ferry belonging to the City, two and one-half per centum on the gross receipts from ferriage therefrom, to be paid quarter-yearly."

H. J. JEWETT, Receiver Erie Railway Company.

Whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the lease of the franchise of ferry from foot of Twenty-third street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, Jersey City, as now established for the term of five years from May 1, 1876, be awarded to H. J. Jewett, Receiver of the Erie Railway Company, at the rate of two and one-half per centum of the gross receipts for ferriage, in addition to the rent fixed by the Department of Docks, for the use of pier or wharf property belonging to the City; subject also to the conditions contained in the form of lease prepared and approved by the Counsel to the Corporation and referred to in the advertisement of sale, which said form of lease is hereby approved by this Board as the lease to be executed, and that the Comptroller be requested to execute the same on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as provided by resolution of this Board adopted May 14, 1875.

The Comptroller submitted Requisitions Nos. 283, 284, 285, 286 and 287, from the Dock Department; whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions contained in paragraph 11, section

6 of the Laws of 1871, the following requisitions of the Department of Docks be countersigned by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, viz.:

Requisition No. 283, April 28, 1876.....	\$16,515 44
Requisition No. 284, April 29, 1876.....	6,048 75
Requisition No. 285, April 29, 1876.....	2,051 10
Requisition No. 286, May 4, 1876.....	186 97
Requisition No. 287, May 4, 1876.....	4,109 59

A communication was received from Allan Campbell, Commissioner of Public Works (inclosing "Map of lands formerly used for the Croton Aqueduct, now discontinued on said lands," and notifying the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, "as per requirements of chapter 230 of the Laws of 1870, that said lands, as shown on the said accompanying map, and which lands are divided into lots numbered from 1 to 53, inclusive, and shaded red, are no longer required for the use and purposes of the Croton Aqueduct"; which, on motion, was ordered on file.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MAY 27, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office May 27, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That hereafter meetings of this Board be held on Wednesday and Saturday of each week, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Which was not adopted.

The following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions contained in paragraph 11, section 6 of the Laws of 1871, the following requisitions of the Department of Docks be countersigned by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, viz.:

Requisition No. 288, May 15, 1876.....	\$3,813 75
Requisition No. 289, May 15, 1876.....	903 24
Requisition No. 290, May 15, 1876.....	2,462 27
Requisition No. 291, May 18, 1876.....	2 40
Requisition No. 292, May 18, 1876.....	4,862 72
Requisition No. 293, May 22, 1876.....	5,523 75

The Comptroller submitted the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the bulk-head foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island, to John H. Starin, prepared and approved, as to form, by the Counsel to the Corporation; whereupon it was

Resolved, That said lease is hereby approved by this Board, and that the Comptroller be requested to execute the same on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in accordance with resolution adopted by said Commissioners May 14, 1875.

The Mayor submitted a resolution providing for leasing the Eighteenth Ward Market at public auction which was amended, at the suggestion of the Comptroller, so as to include other property not now leased or required for public purposes, when, on motion, the resolution, as amended, was adopted as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to lease at public auction on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, for the term of five years from June 1, 1876, the premises known as the Eighteenth Ward Market, located on the east side of Avenue C, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets; and such other property under the control of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as is not leased or required for public purposes; and that the Comptroller take whatever steps may be necessary to have the same appraised, preparatory to the sale, and to proceed with the sale in the manner prescribed by law.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 21, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office June 21, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following report in relation to "Deposits for water and security for water meters," viz.:

NEW YORK—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
June 21, 1876.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

Herewith are submitted statements of deposits for water and security for water meters, which have been collected through the Bureau for the Collection of Revenue derived from the sale and use of water, from December 26, 1867, to May 29, 1876.

The deposits for water amount to \$22,884.60, and for security for water meters, \$22,531; all of which are stated to have been deposited in the Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt; and the City, it is claimed, is still liable to the depositors for the return of the amount in each case after deducting whatever sum may be due for the water delivered or cost of meter not returned.

Numerous suits are being brought against the City by individual depositors, or their assignees, and there being no appropriation from which the balance due can be taken, there are no means to defray the claims or to relieve the City from liability, except by judgment.

This involves costs and loss to the treasury, and it is desirable that some measures should be devised whereby the balance may be adjusted and paid without subjecting the City to an action at law in each case.

The whole question is submitted for such action as the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund may consider proper in the premises.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller

(Statements accompanying report filed);

Whereupon the following preamble and resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Whereas, Since December 26, 1867, to May 29, 1876, moneys to the amount of forty-five thousand dollars have been collected in advance by the bureau for the collection of revenue from the sale and use of water, as security for the water to be consumed, and as security for the return of water meters belonging to the City of New York, which moneys have been deposited in the City Treasury and mingled with the funds of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and for the return of the balance of which upon an adjustment it is claimed the City of New York is liable; and

Whereas, Divers suits and actions at law have been commenced by individual depositors for the return of these moneys, for which there exists no fund or appropriation until after judgment has been obtained against the City; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars of the moneys deposited in the Sinking Fund as security for water to be consumed and the return of water meters be paid over to the Comptroller in order to adjust these claims, as they may arise from time to time.

The Mayor submitted the application of the Board of Police for "the use and possession of the property and premises belonging to the City known as the "Eighteenth Ward Market, to be used for the purposes and business of the Street "Cleaning Bureau" until the further order of this Board; whereupon the following resolution was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Police Department be authorized to occupy the Eighteenth Ward Market building, during the pleasure of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at an annual rent of three thousand dollars, with the understanding that such premises shall be delivered up within ten days whenever required by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Mayor submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to sell, at his discretion, the materials of the old aqueduct upon the line between Ninety-third and One Hundred and Seventh streets, which has been abandoned, either at public auction or by sealed bids, after public advertisement and appraisal, for not less than five days.

Police Commissioner Nichols stated that the Police Department would vacate and deliver possession of the following premises as soon as the Eighteenth Ward Market premises were in condition to be occupied for the business of the Street Cleaning Bureau, viz.:

Premises foot of Rivington street, East river (78 by 200 feet), and Nos. 520 and 522 West Twenty-fourth street, near Eleventh avenue, leased from Benjamin Moore, lease to expire March 1, 1892.

Whereupon the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, on receiving possession of such property, be authorized to take whatever measures may be necessary to lease the same at public auction, after appraisal and advertisement, as required by law.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIXMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 29, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office June 29, 1876.

Present—The (Acting) Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

On motion of the Comptroller, the Acting Mayor was appointed Chairman *pro tem*.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted a copy of the writ of mandamus, granted June 26, 1876, by Justice Donohue, at Special Term of the Supreme Court, commanding the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, immediately after receipt of the same, to execute and acknowledge in due form of law and to deliver to the People's Ferry Company the lease of the ferry from Grand street, New York, to Grand street, Brooklyn, tendered for execution on the 28th day of April, 1876; and also to pay over to the said ferry company its taxed cost and disbursements, to wit, \$10; whereupon the Recorder submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Supreme Court of the State of New York, of the First Judicial District, has, by its writ of mandamus, commanded William H. Wickham, Mayor; John K. Hackett, Recorder; J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain, and Andrew H. Green, Comptroller, and John Reilly, Alderman, being the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the said City, to forthwith execute and acknowledge, in due form of law, and to deliver to the People's Ferry Company, the lease hitherto tendered by the said company to the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on the 28th of April, 1876; now, therefore, and acting in conformity to such mandate,

Resolved, That the members of this Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners do proceed forthwith to execute and acknowledge said lease and deliver the same, so executed and acknowledged in due form of law, to the said "The People's Ferry Company."

The Comptroller moved that, in accordance with the order of the Court, \$10 (being the amount of its taxed costs and disbursements) be paid to the People's Ferry Company, from the Sinking Fund; which, on motion, was adopted.

The Comptroller stated that H. J. Jewett, Esq., Receiver of the Erie Railway Company, requested that the lease of the ferry from foot of Chambers street, New York, to Pavonia, New Jersey, and the lease of the ferry from Twenty-third street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, Jersey City, made to him as Receiver of the Erie Railway Company, in pursuance of resolutions of this Board of May 15, 1876, be made to "The Erie Railway Company"; whereupon the following resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, severally adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the award of the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Chambers street, to Pavonia, New Jersey, for the term of one year from May 1, 1876, made to H. J. Jewett, Receiver of the Erie Railway Company, by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on May 15, 1876, be amended so that such lease shall be awarded to the Erie Railway Company, which is the real party interested; and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease to the Erie Railway Company, in accordance herewith.

Resolved, That the award of lease of the franchise of ferry from foot of Twenty-third street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, Jersey City, as now established, for the term of five years from May 1, 1876, made to H. J. Jewett, Receiver of the Erie Railway Company, by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on May 15, 1876, be amended so that such lease shall be awarded to the Erie Railway Company, which is the real party interested; and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a lease to the Erie Railway Company in accordance herewith.

The Comptroller submitted a communication from the Counsel to the Corporation suggesting that certain alterations be made in the proposed lease of a ferry from this City to Staten Island, to John H. Starin (communication on file); whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the lease approved by this Board on May 27, 1876, of the franchise of the ferry from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York City, to Staten Island, awarded to John H. Starin, be amended by striking out, on the third page, the following words, viz.: "and cause said boats to run or make" daily, and every day during said term, as many trips from New York to Staten Island, and from Staten Island to New York, as are now made on or over said

"ferry"; and that there be substituted in lieu thereof the following, viz.: "And
"cause said boats to run or make, on each and every week day, during said term,
"at least eight round trips from New York to Staten Island and from Staten
"Island to New York."

Resolved, That the blank before the words "Good and substantial steam ferry-
"boats," in the twenty-second line of third page, be filled by inserting the words
"at least two."

The application of Charles Cohen, for reduction of rent of Market Cellar No.
2, Washington Market, was received, and on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

JAMES A. LEWIS, (Acting) Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON, TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 21, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office July 21, 1876.

Present—The Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

On motion of the Comptroller, the Recorder was appointed Chairman *pro tem*.

A quorum not being present, on motion, adjourned.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 26, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office July 26, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller reported that on the 25th instant there was a balance of \$708,756.33 to the credit of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on the City Debt; when, on motion, the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain, for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), to be charged to "the Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of the "Surplus Revenues" of said fund for the year 1876, and credited to "the General Fund of the City," in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862, and chapter 308, Laws of 1874.

The Comptroller stated that the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey are running a ferry from the foot of Clarkson street, North river, to Communipaw, New Jersey, without authority from the Corporation; whereupon the following preamble and resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The right to operate a ferry is one of the property rights of the City, and can only be obtained from the Corporation in the manner prescribed by law; and

Whereas, In defiance of law and the rights of the Corporation, the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey have recently commenced to run a ferry from the foot of Clarkson street, North river, to Communipaw, New Jersey, therefore

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation is hereby requested to take immediate measures to enjoin the operation of said ferry until the requirements of law are complied with and the rights of the City protected.

The Comptroller stated that the Bleeker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company was largely in arrears to the Corporation for rent, taxes, assessments, etc.; that the receiver of said company had expressed his inability to pay the same; and that the Twenty-third Street Railway Company had submitted an offer to pay \$37,500 in settlement of said claim, provided the proposed lease from the Bleeker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company to the Twenty-third Street Railway Company shall be effected; whereupon the following preamble and resolution were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Bleeker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, at the time that it was placed in the hands of a receiver, by an order of the Supreme Court of December 23, 1875, because of default in the payment of the interest on its bonds and other debts of the company, was indebted to the City to the amount of about sixty thousand dollars for rent, taxes and assessments, and interest thereon, under the provision of a lease executed May 1, 1866; and

Whereas, Said receiver has repeatedly declared his inability to pay any portion of said amount; and

Whereas, An offer to compromise and settle said indebtedness to the City, by the payment of thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars has been made to the Comptroller by the Twenty-third Street Railway Company; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller is hereby authorized to adjust and settle so much of said claim of the City of New York against the Bleeker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, for amount due prior to the appointment of the receiver, as is by law under the jurisdiction of this Board, on such terms and conditions as, in his judgment, will be most advantageous to the City.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid over for consideration, viz.:

Resolved, That all moneys belonging to the Sinking Fund be hereafter kept on deposit in one of the designated banks other than the one in which the general funds of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York are kept; and this Board hereby directs that all moneys of the Sinking Funds be deposited in the _____, being one of the designated banks of the City, until the further order of this Board; and further, that all payments from said funds shall be made by said bank only on the authorization and warrant of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, as prescribed by laws and ordinances relative to said funds.

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The following applications were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Application of George J. Miller and C. Henrietta Miller for a new release of lot northeast corner of West street, and Charles Alley for commutation of water lot rent; and

Application of Gilbert M. Platt for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault at Nos. 188 and 190 Duane street.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
J. NELSON, TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 25, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office August 25, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from "The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children" in relation to fines deposited in the treasury to the credit of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on the City Debt; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The sum of three hundred and fifty dollars has been deposited in the treasury to the credit of "Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of fines imposed by the Court of Special Sessions for violation of the mendicant laws in causes prosecuted by the "New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children"; and

Whereas, Section 5 of chapter 122 of the Laws of 1876 provides that fines and penalties imposed and collected in such causes shall inure to said society; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant for the said sum of three hundred and fifty dollars shall be issued and paid to restore the same to its proper place in the treasury.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks, dated August 16, 1876, requesting that Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) be issued for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act, chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare

and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York for the purpose of raising the moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, being on account of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks for three hundred thousand dollars, dated August 16, 1876.

The Comptroller called up the resolution (laid over for consideration at the last meeting) in relation to the manner of depositing the moneys of the Sinking Fund, which, after some discussion, was, on motion, laid over for further consideration.

The Recorder submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were laid over for consideration, viz.:

Whereas, The City Park, known as the "Battery," came, with its water front, into the possession and ownership of the City, under its guarantee to always use it for a place of public resort, amusement and recreation; and

Whereas, Very large sums of money have been expended in adorning and beautifying it for such purposes; and

Whereas, With the exception of a few interested emigrant boarding-house landlords in the First Ward, and other persons thereabouts who derive revenue from emigrants, the public have loudly demanded, by committees and through the press, that the said Battery Park should be completely restored to its aforesaid real uses; and

Whereas, By the fortunate destruction of the old sheds and dilapidated erections formerly known as the Emigration Buildings, and by the cessation of any lease which may have existed thereon, an opportunity is now offered to effect such restoration.

Resolved, That this Sinking Fund Commission refuse any further occupation of that portion of the Battery front known as Castle Garden, by the Emigration Commission, and hereby authorize and directs the Comptroller to take all measures to eject said Commission therefrom, to the end that the Park Commissioners recovering control of Castle Garden may either beautify and adorn its area or rent it to such parties as may keep and preserve it for purposes of the public enjoyment.

Adjourned.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON, TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office September 26, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor submitted notice of motion for an order (on the affidavits annexed) to show cause why a peremptory writ of mandamus should not be issued by the Supreme Court of the City and County of New York, at a special term, to be held on the second day of October, 1876, commanding the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York to award to the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company, as the highest bidder therefor, the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the foot of Whitehall street, New York City, to Staten Island, as established by the Common Council of said City, by resolution approved by the Mayor November 3, 1875, and for which sealed bids were invited by advertisement of the Comptroller dated December 22, 1875; and commanding said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to execute and deliver to said New York and Staten Island Ferry Company a lease of such ferry franchise, on the terms set forth in said advertisement, and for such other or further relief as the Court may think proper to grant in the premises; which, on motion of the Mayor, was referred to the Counsel to the Corporation.

Subsequently, on motion of the Mayor, it was

Resolved, That the Comptroller be appointed a committee to confer with the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the aforesaid subject.

The Recorder submitted the following preamble and resolution, viz.:

Whereas, The Department of Parks have no such control of public parks as to change their statutory uses; and

Whereas, The appropriation of City property for new uses belongs exclusively to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; and when, therefore, the pillars of the "Elevated Railway" have been illegally erected in the public park commonly known and called the "Battery";

Resolved, That this Commission does not assent to, but condemns and forbids the use of the Battery by the "Elevated Railway," and hereby directs the Comptroller of the City of New York, as the agent of this Commission, to take the necessary legal steps to cause the immediate removal of said pillars from off the Battery.

After a general discussion of the subject, the Mayor moved that the preamble be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion, and the resolution laid on the table; which was adopted, the Mayor, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen voting in the affirmative, and the Recorder and the Comptroller in the negative.

The Recorder submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to furnish this Board, at its next meeting, with a statement of the amount of rent due to the Corporation from the Commissioners of Emigration for the occupation and use and rent of the premises that have been used by them in the park known as the Battery.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of Charles Cohen for reduction of rent of market cellar No. 2, in Washington Market, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power, viz.:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
CITY OF NEW YORK, September 26, 1876. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Cohen for reduction of rent of market cellar No. 2, in Washington Market,

Reports, That he caused an examination to be made into the facts of the case by the Superintendent of Markets, who reported that, in his opinion, there were equitable reasons for some reduction of the rent of the premises referred to.

Respectfully,

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

The bill of Cornelius Donnelly, for services as watchman of building Nos. 19 and 21 Elizabeth street, from August 4 to September 2, inclusive (thirty days), at \$2 per day (\$60), was, on motion, ordered paid.

The application of Marc Eidlitz for return of amount overpaid (\$90.32) on account of vault in front of premises No. 227 Bowery, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Finance Department.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
J. NELSON, TAPPAN, Chamberlain.
JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 3, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office November 3, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor submitted the following applications, which, on motion, were referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Application of John McKesson to purchase the premises in Beekman street formerly occupied as a police station.

Application of Aaron T. Polhemus to have lease of lots Nos. 16 and 17, Fort Gansevoort property, extended three years.

The Comptroller reported that there was a balance November 1, 1876, of \$731,656.38 to the credit of the Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on the City Debt, and submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain, for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), to be charged to the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of the "Surplus Revenues" of said fund, for the year 1876, and credited to the "General Fund," in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862, and chapter 308, Laws of 1874.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution and terms of sale, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to lease at public auction, on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, for the term of three years from December 1, 1876, except as otherwise herein stated, the following premises belonging to the City of New York:

Nos. 19 and 21 Elizabeth street.

No. 49 Leonard street, partly now occupied by the Public Administrator.

No. 70 Barrow street, three years from May 1, 1877.

Hamilton Square Map.

Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, Third and Lexington avenues, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28; 29, 30, 31, 32.

Harlem Market Map.

South side One Hundred and Twenty-first street, near Third avenue, Nos. 13, 14, 15.

Old school-house corner of Avenue C and Second street, South Fordham.

Terms of Sale.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel, to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue, at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required, at the same time, to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of the sale.

Twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent, or forfeited if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation (section 99 of Charter of 1873).

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the City during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

A communication was received from Joseph L. Perley, President of the Commissioners of the Fire Department, in relation to Union Bell Tower; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolution and terms of sale, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to sell at public auction, on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, the building known as the Union Bell Tower, situate at the intersection of Houston and First streets and Avenue D, upon the following terms of sale:

Terms of Sale.

Cash to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale. The successful bidder to remove the building within twenty days from the date of sale, and leave the ground on which it stands free from all materials of the building and smoothly and evenly graded; which, on motion, were adopted.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, on the application of Marc Eidlitz, for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault in front of No. 227 Bowery, with resolution annexed, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, November 3, 1876. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The claim of Mr. Marc Eidlitz, builder, for the return of the sum of \$90.32, alleged to have been overpaid for a permit granted to him by the Department of Public Works, for the construction of a vault at No. 227 Bowery, May 20, 1876, having been referred to the Comptroller, at a meeting held September 26, 1876, I submit the following report:

I have examined the said claim and find, as appears by the annexed papers, that said amount had been paid by said Eidlitz, as alleged, in excess of the amount actually due, and that the money was deposited to the credit of the "Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt," on May 25, 1876, and therefore submit herewith a resolution authorizing the refunding of the amount so overpaid.

Very respectfully,

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the sum of ninety dollars and thirty-two cents, paid by Mr. Eidlitz, in excess of the amount found due for a permit to construct a street vault, which sum has been deposited in the "Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt," be paid into the City Treasury to be refunded to said Eidlitz.

The Comptroller submitted the following report in relation to croton water rents for which duplicate payments have been made, with resolution annexed, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, November 3, 1876. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

Herewith I present a statement of croton water rents, for which duplicate payments have been made, and the parties making the same have applied to the Finance Department for their repayment to them, amounting to \$347.20. Such duplicate payments of croton water rents and such application for their return, are often made, and as the money so collected is deposited to the credit of the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," I submit herewith a resolution authorizing the payment of the sum of \$500 from the "Sinking Fund" into the City Treasury, for the purpose of refunding the amounts of such duplicate payments of croton water rents, when verified, by the Finance Department.

Very respectfully,

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars, of the moneys deposited to the credit of the "Sinking Fund," on account of croton water rents, be paid into the City Treasury, in order to refund such amounts as the Comptroller may find due to persons who have made duplicate payments of said water rents.

An application was received from Henry Bergh, President of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to have fine of \$100 collected May 23, 1876, of John Barret, for dog fighting, and deposited in the City Treasury, so transferred that he may obtain it for the use of the said society; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following statement with the annexed resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

May 23, 1876, the Court of General Sessions imposed upon and collected from John Barrett a fine of \$100 for being engaged in a dog fight. Said fine, without designation of offense in return, was deposited by the Clerk of said Court in the City Treasury to credit of "Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on the City Debt," May 31, 1876.

As provided by section 6, chapter 12, Laws of 1874, such fines are payable to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant for the said sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) be issued and paid to restore the same to its proper place in the Treasury.

Applications.

The following applications were received and referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Application of Bridget Ann Forhan, for payment of interest on moneys paid on Lots Nos. 12 and 13, Map of Fort Gansevoort property, prior to delivery of deed; and

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Application of H. C. Siller, to rent building Nos. 19 and 21 Elizabeth street, to be used as a free lodging house.

Adjourned.

W. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
J. NELSON, TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 17, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office November 17, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11, of section 6, of the act, chapter 574, of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act, relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, being on account of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks, for three hundred thousand dollars, dated August 16, 1876.

The Comptroller submitted the following report with annexed resolution, on the application of Gilbert M. Platt, for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault at Nos. 188 and 190 Duane street, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
NEW YORK, November 17, 1876. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The claim of Mr. Gilbert M. Platt, for the return of the sum of \$45.97, alleged to have been overpaid for a permit granted to him by the Department of Public Works, for the construction of a vault at Nos. 188 and 190 Duane street, May 22.

1876, having been referred to the Comptroller at a meeting held July 26, 1876, I submit the following report:

I have examined the said claim, and find, as appears by the annexed papers, that said amount had been paid by the said Platt, as alleged, in excess of the amount actually due, and that the money was deposited to the credit of the "Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt," on May 25, 1876; and therefore submit herewith a resolution authorizing the refunding of the amount so overpaid.

Very respectfully,

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

Resolved, That the sum of forty-five dollars and ninety-seven cents, paid by Mr. Gilbert M. Platt, in excess of the amount found due for a permit to construct a street vault, which sum has been deposited in the "Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt," be paid into the City Treasury, to be refunded to said Platt.

The Comptroller submitted the following appraisement of the building known as the Union Bell Tower, to be sold at public auction November 27, 1876, viz.:

I appraise the value of the Union Bell Tower, at foot of Avenue D, Second and Houston streets, at \$100.

S. C. HOLMES.

Whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of the valuation of the Union Bell Tower, situate at the junction of Houston and Second streets and Avenue D, at one hundred dollars (\$100).

The Comptroller submitted the following appraisement of the valuations of the property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, to be leased at public auction November 27, 1876, viz.:

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller:

SIR—Have appraised the yearly rent of the property mentioned herein as follows:

Nos. 19 and 21 Elizabeth street, at.....	\$150 00
No. 49 Leonard street.....	400 00
No. 70 Barrow street.....	600 00

Hamilton Square Map.

Nos. 2 to 7, on Third avenue, each.....	\$100 00
Nos. 11 to 16, south side of Sixty-eighth street, each.....	40 00
Nos. 22 to 25, east side of Lexington avenue, each.....	40 00
Nos. 26 to 30, 31, 32, north side of Sixty-seventh street, each.....	40 00

Nos. 13 to 15, south side of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, Harlem Market Map, each.....	\$40 00
Old school-house, South Fordham, Harlem Market Map.....	100 00
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S. C. HOLMES.

Whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of the valuations of the property to be leased at public auction on Monday, November 27, 1876, as made by Samuel C. Holmes, herewith attached.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.
J. NELSON, TAPPAN, Chamberlain.
JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 29, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office November 29, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following appraisement of real estate belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York, to be leased at public auction, December 4, 1876, viz.:

Hon. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller:

SIR—I have this day appraised the yearly value of the property herein mentioned, as follows:

No. 70 Barrow street, on three years' lease, at \$500, or on five years' at \$650.

Hamilton Square Property.

Nos. 2 to 7, west side of Third avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, at \$100 each.

Nos. 11 to 16, south side of Sixty-eighth street, between Third and Lexington avenues, at \$40 each.

Nos. 22 to 25, east side of Lexington avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, at \$40 each.

Nos. 26 to 30, 31, 32, north side of Sixty-seventh street, between Lexington and Third avenues, at \$40 each.

S. C. HOLMES.

Whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of the valuations of the property to be leased at public auction on Monday, December 4, 1876, as made by Samuel C. Holmes, herewith attached.

On motion of the Comptroller, the Recorder and Chamberlain were appointed a committee to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and report to this Board.

Messrs. William H. Webb, Philip Bissinger and Joshua C. Sands, a committee appointed by the "New York Council of Political Reform," submitted a communication on the subject of selling such portions of the real estate belonging to the City as is not required for public purposes, etc.; which, on motion, was received and ordered on file.

On motion, adjourned unto Wednesday next, December 6, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 6, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office December 6, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the report of the Recorder and the Comptroller, on the claim of Sigmund Wise, for compensation for tables, statements, etc., furnished to the City in 1875, in relation to claims of the City of New York against city railroad companies for arrears of license fees; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, to be submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

The Chamberlain submitted the report of the committee to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund; which, on motion, was accepted, viz.:

OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN,
NEW YORK COUNTY COURT-HOUSE,
NEW YORK, December 6, 1876. }

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The undersigned, appointed a committee at the meeting held November 29, 1876, to examine the securities held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, respectfully

Report, That they have carefully examined the bonds and stocks held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on account of the "Sinking Fund for the "Redemption of the City Debt," and find the total amount on the 1st day of December, 1876, to be \$27,964.508.41, as follows:

Bonds and stocks of the City of New York.....	\$23,436,962 88
Bonds and stocks of the County of New York.....	4,527,545 53
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Which is the exact amount of the securities to the credit of said fund, as per certificate of the general bookkeeper, hereunto annexed.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

The report of the Counsel to the Corporation, on the preamble to the resolution submitted by the Recorder, September 26, 1876, in relation to the use of the Battery by the Elevated Railway, was received and ordered on file for future references.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

AND. H. GREEN, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 29, 1876.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office December 29, 1876.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller stated that there was a balance, December 23, 1876, of \$242,544.57 to the credit of the "Sinking Fund for Payment of Interest on the City Debt," and submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain, for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), to be charged to the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of the surplus revenue of said fund for the year 1876, and credited to the "General Fund," in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862, and chapter 308, Laws of 1874.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6, of the act chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, being on account of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks for three hundred thousand dollars, dated August 16, 1876.

A communication was received from William H. Pendleton, President of the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company, in relation to leasing ferry from

foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

The petition of Charles Siller, for an extension of time for filing bonds for the fulfillment of the terms of the lease of the premises No. 49 Leonard street, was received, and, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller with power.

The Mayor submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized, in his discretion, to grant the use, free of charge, of any unoccupied buildings belonging to the City, to charitable institutions during the winter months.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation, transmitting the order of the Supreme Court in the matter of the application of John Kneib for the restoration of a fine of \$100, for the misdemeanor of keeping and exposing for sale adulterated milk, granting the petition and ordering said fine to be returned to said petitioner; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the said fine be returned to said Kneib, and that a warrant be executed for that purpose and charged to the appropriate fund.

A petition was received from the attorney of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, in relation to an application for a grant of land under water in front of the upland occupied by said institution on the Hudson river at Washington Heights; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

The Mayor submitted the application and accompanying papers of Francis H. Macy, for grant of land under water, Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets; which, on motion, were referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.
JOHN REILLY, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 22, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office January 22, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Deputy Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

On motion of the Comptroller, the Mayor was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

W. H. Dikeman was appointed Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That premises No. 49 Beekman street, formerly occupied as a police station-house, be and the same are hereby appropriated for public use as offices of the Corporation Attorney and of the Public Administrator; and that the Comptroller be authorized to take whatever measures may be necessary to place such officers in possession thereof.

A communication was received from the Department of Charities and Correction in relation to renting the house on Randall's Island the former residence of the Warden; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The following communication was received from the Police Commissioners, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller to examine and report, viz.:

POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, January 13. 1877. }

Hon. SMITH ELY, JR., Chairman of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Police held 6th instant, the following proceedings were had:

Whereas, The Street Cleaning Bureau has vacated premises on the corner of Stanton and Mangin streets, and also premises on East Twenty-fourth street, lately used for the business of street cleaning, the Board of Police having no occasion for further use of said premises; it is therefore

Resolved, That the said premises be turned over to the possession of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the keys thereof delivered to the Comptroller.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. KIPP, First Deputy Clerk.

On motion, adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

F. W. GILLEY, JR., Deputy Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKENAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JANUARY 30, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office January 30, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, being on account of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks for three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) dated August 16, 1876.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the communication from the Department of Public Charities and Correction in relation to renting the house on Randall's Island the former residence of the Warden, submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to allow Captain Grace, connected with the House of Refuge, to occupy the former Warden's house on Randall's Island until April 1, 1877, at the rent of twenty dollars (\$20) per month, the value thereof having been appraised at that amount.

The Comptroller submitted a communication from Robert P. Noah, attorney for Dr. Louis I. Jordan, proposing to give four thousand dollars per annum for a lease

for five years of the premises No. 1146 Broadway, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The application of Sarah E. Cornish, executrix and trustee of William H. Raynor, deceased, for grant of "the land under water on a creek emptying into the " Harlem river, in front of the upland owned by her as executrix and trustee as " aforesaid, on the Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One " Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets," was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller to examine and report.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 9, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office February 9, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of the Chamberlain for the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the moneys deposited to the credit of "Croton Water Rents," to be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of "Croton Water Rent, Refunding Account" in order to refund duplicate and erroneous payments of Croton water rents.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to lease at public auction, on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, for the term of two years from May 1, 1877, except as otherwise herein stated, the following premises belonging to the City of New York:

No. 1146 Broadway (from March 1, 1877);

No. 18 Renwick street;

No. 128 West Broadway;

No. 202 West Thirty-first street;

No. 594 Grand street;

No. 160 Wooster street;

No. 442 West Thirty-third street;
 Nos. 106 and 108 East Fiftieth street;
 No. 458 East Houston street;
 No. 53 Spring street;
 No. 352 West Thirty-fifth street;
 No. 57 Chatham street;
 Nos. 81 and 83 Chatham street;
 No. 89 Chatham street;
 No. 91 Chatham street;
 No. 93 Chatham street;
 No. 61 Thompson street;

East side Thirteenth avenue, between Bloomfield and West Twelfth streets, Nos. 61 to 72 (Fort Gansevoort Map);

West side Third avenue, between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, eight lots;

West side Third avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, Nos. 1 to 7;

South side Sixty-eighth street, Third and Lexington avenues, Nos. 10 to 16;

East side Lexington avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets, Nos. 22 to 25;

North side Sixty-seventh street, between Third and Lexington avenues, Nos. 26 to 30, 31 to 33;

Stables on Tompkins and Mangin streets, 80 by 200 feet, 123 feet north of Rivington street;

Stables on south side Twenty-fourth street, 300 feet west of Tenth avenue, 50 by 98.9;

Fulton Market—Cellars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21;

Washington Market—Cellars Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and the cupola.

Centre Market—Cellars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and rooms on second floor;

Essex Market—Cellars Nos. 1 (four small), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10;

Franklin Market—Cellars Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and first and second floors;

Clinton Market—Rooms over Market.

Gouverneur Market—Market building and cellar;

Jefferson Market—Rooms on second floor;

Union Market—Room on third floor;

Old Catharine Fish Market—Premises formerly occupied by market;

Hay scales near Tompkins Market; in accordance with the following

Terms of Sale.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue, at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required at the same time to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

Twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent, or forfeited if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such release.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation (section 99 of Charter of 1873).

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the City during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and the fulfillment, on their part, of the covenants of the lease; and that the Comptroller take whatever steps may be necessary to have the same appraised, preparatory to the sale, and to proceed with the sale in the manner prescribed by law.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Markets in relation to cellars Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Washington Market; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution; which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Whereas, Cellars Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, as now leased, fronting on Vesey street, Washington Market, are only occupied in connection with stands upon the street contiguous, which are rented by the tenants to parties who expose for sale articles properly within cognizance and control of the Superintendent of Markets; and

Whereas, The Superintendent of Markets has represented that it would be to the interests of the City that such cellars should not be leased; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized to take possession on and after May 1 next of cellars Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, in Washington Market,

fronting on Vesey street, and that he be authorized to occupy the street contiguous to such cellars with stalls, and to rent the same in his discretion.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

FEBRUARY 23, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office February 23, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of the Chamberlain for the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of the moneys deposited to the credit of "Croton Water Rents," to be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of "Croton Water Rent, Refunding Account," in order to refund balances due depositors on account of moneys deposited as security for Croton water to be used and the return of water meters.

The Comptroller submitted the appraisal of the valuation of the leases of the property to be sold at public auction on the 24th instant; when, on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of valuations of the leases of the property to be sold at public auction on February 24, 1877, as made by Samuel C. Holmes, herewith, and fix the terms of sale as follows:

Terms of Sale.

(Same as adopted at the preceding meeting. See page 1360.)

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Markets in relation to Washington Market cellars; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized to take possession on and after May 1 next of the cellars in Washington Market and of the cupola; and that he be authorized to occupy the street contiguous to all of such cellars with stalls or stands, and to rent the same in his discretion; and that such cellars and cupola be taken out of the sale of leases as advertised for the 24th instant.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized to take possession of the rooms over the market in Clinton Market; and that he rent the same, in his discretion, for stalls or stands; and that such rooms be taken out of the sale of leases as advertised for the 24th instant.

The application of Mary Kent, lessee of premises No. 594 Grand street (lease expires 1st of May next), for renewal of lease of said premises, was received, and, on motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, By the terms of the lease made April 1, 1837, between the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and Mary Kent, it was agreed that at the expiration of the renewed term the City shall pay to the party of the second part the value of such building as shall have been erected upon the premises thereby demised; the same to be ascertained by appraisement; and

Whereas, The renewed term of the premises No. 594 Grand street, thereby demised, will expire on May 1, 1877; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to appoint an appraiser to act on behalf of the City of New York, in fixing the value of the building erected on No. 594 Grand street.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 15, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office March 15, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

On motion, adjourned to the 16th instant, at 10 o'clock A. M.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 16, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held, as per adjournment, at the Mayor's Office March 16, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, being on account of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks for three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), dated August 16, 1876.

The Comptroller submitted the appraisal of the valuation of the leases of the property to be sold at public auction on the 16th instant; whereupon the following resolution was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of the leases of property to be sold at public auction on March 16, 1877, as made by William Kennelly, herewith, and fix the terms of sale as follows:

Terms of Sale.

(Same as adopted at the meeting held February 9, 1877. See page 1360.)

The Comptroller submitted the application of the Board of Police for certain portions of the Union Market Building to be set apart for the use of the Police

Department, as an enlargement of the Eleventh Precinct; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the portion of the first story of Union Market, west of a line parallel to the west front thereof, on Sheriff street, and forty-four feet easterly therefrom, including the hall and staircase leading to the upper stories of the building, also the most westerly room, fronting on Sheriff street, in the third story of said building, be set apart for the use of the Police Department as an enlargement of the station-house of the Eleventh Precinct.

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The leases of several ferries of this City will soon expire, and information upon the subject of the ferries generally is necessary to enable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to take proper action in relation to them; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby requested to ascertain and report to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund all the material facts relative to the ferries belonging to the City of New York, stating in detail what existing leases or franchises of ferries have been granted, by whom and to whom, and under what tenure as to dates and periods, terms and conditions of the leases or franchises, what amount or amounts of rent have been paid to the City by each ferry and what amount remains due by each, and the reasons why the rents have not been paid regularly and in full, if any so remain unpaid, and what legal proceedings have been taken, if any, for the collection of unpaid rents and the enforcement of the terms of the leases, particularly with reference to the lease or leases of the Union Ferry Company, as to the proceedings now pending to set aside any lease or leases made to said company by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in the year 1870, and whether, in the opinion of the Comptroller, any further legislation is necessary to enable the Commissioners of the Department of Docks and of the Sinking Fund to simplify the method of leasing ferry franchises, to secure the rights and best interests of the City, and avoid future difficulty with lessees in the premises.

The application of Charles H. Jones and Mary E. Jones for grant of land under water in front of the upland owned by them, between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth streets, East river, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

On motion, adjourned to Tuesday next (20th instant), at 12.30 o'clock P. M.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 20, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held, as per adjournment, at the Mayor's Office March 20, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the petition of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, in relation to a water grant on the North river, in front of the upland owned by said institution, between One Hundred and Sixty-second and One Hundred and Sixty-sixth streets, viz.:

NEW YORK—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
March 19, 1877.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb for a water grant on the North river, in front of the upland owned by them, between One Hundred and Sixty-second, One Hundred and Sixty-third and One Hundred and Sixty-sixth streets, would

Report, That he has presented the question of valuation of this grant to the Department of Taxes and Assessments, which has certified the value to be \$25 per running foot. Upon the submission thereof to the Commissioner of Public Works, he has agreed that such valuation is fair and reasonable, and the Comptroller would recommend that the value of such grant be fixed at \$25 per running foot, excepting the streets running east and west; the grantees to be required to build a strong and substantial bulkhead when the interest of the City may require it for the convenience of commerce, the work to be done under the superintendence of the proper officer of the City Government, and reserving to the City the right to lay out and open an avenue or street running north and south through said land, when filled in; also

intersecting streets running in an easterly or westerly direction, without cost or charge to the City for the land taken or used in said avenues or streets.

I would further suggest that a covenant be included in this grant that the bulkheads and streets or avenues should be kept in good repair, with penalty of forfeiture in case of non-compliance, upon notice having been first given by the proper officer of the City Government; also that the wharfage along the whole line of the bulkhead be reserved by the City, except for such vessels as may be in use by or the property of the grantees, and that no dock or other obstruction be built in the slips between the streets by the parties to whom the grant is made, which should be subjected to the restrictions suggested by the Department of Docks in their letter of February 8, 1877, which is appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and approved, and the following resolution, submitted therewith, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a water grant of the land fronting the premises of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, extending from the centre of One Hundred and Sixty-second to One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, North river, reaching to the bulkhead line as established by law in 1868, and as shown on the accompanying diagram, be made to such institution at the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) a running foot, excluding the width of the streets laid down thereon running east and west.

Such grant to reserve to the City the right that in case at any time it shall require any of said premises for its own use, as a street or for the proposed permanent improvements of the water front, or for any future improvement which may be decided upon, no charge shall be made for any part so required, nor for the cost of any improvement or structures thereon or damage thereto; also that the grantees shall covenant to build a strong and substantial bulkhead, when required, for the convenience of commerce; the work to be done under the superintendence of the proper officer of the City; also reserving to the City the wharfage along the whole line of the bulkhead, except for vessels used by or the property of the grantees; the bulkheads to be kept in good repair by the grantees, with penalty of forfeiture in case of non-compliance after notice from the proper officer of the City having the matter in charge, and that no dock or other obstruction be built in the slips between the streets, by the grantees; excepting also from the operation of the grant any right which may have been acquired by Hudson River Railroad Company.

On motion of the Recorder, it was

Resolved, That the aforesaid report and resolution, with annexed papers, be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation; and that he be and hereby is requested

to issue a grant, as authorized by the resolution as aforesaid, upon the acceptance of the terms and conditions therein stated by the officers of the said institution for the instruction of the deaf and dumb.

The Comptroller submitted a report on the application of Francis H. Macy for water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets; which, on motion, was referred back to the Comptroller, to enable him to obtain further information.

A document was received in relation to "the matter of the application of the "New York and Staten Island Ferry Company to be awarded the franchise of a "ferry from Pier 1, East river, to Staten Island"; which, on motion, was laid over for consideration.

On motion, adjourned to Friday next (23d instant), at 12.30 P. M.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

MARCH 23, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office March 23, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted a report in response to the resolution of this Board adopted March 16, 1877, in relation to the ferries belonging to the City of New York. Report filed.

The Comptroller also submitted the report of the Counsel to the Corporation, in answer to a communication of the Comptroller of March 16, desiring to be advised if any change can be made in the mode of granting ferry franchises, to simplify the matter, and secure the rights and interests of the City therein more effectually; and also whether any further legislation is necessary for the purpose. Report filed.

After a general discussion of the subject the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, the Recorder dissenting, viz.:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and hereby is requested to draft a law to be submitted to the Legislature of this State, now in session, to authorize and direct the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to transfer to the Department of Docks the authority to dispose of the leases of the ferry franchises of the City of New York at public auction, in connection with the docks and premises of the City, now occupied and used for ferry purposes.

The Comptroller submitted the following report in reference to the proceedings had by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in relation to the claims of the City against the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Amongst the papers now on file in this Department I find a statement of account of the amount due from the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company to July 20, 1876, together with two offers of the Twenty-third Street Railway Company, to pay the sum of \$37,500 on such date, and \$40,000 on November 1, 1876, in full discharge of all claims of the City against the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, but no disposition of the matter or final arrangement as to settlement and discharge appears to have been arrived at.

I would therefore present such offers and account for the consideration and action of this Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

NEW YORK, Comptroller's Office, March 23, 1877.

Papers referred to filed.

Whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the matter of the indebtedness of the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company be referred to the Comptroller, and that he be authorized to adjust and settle so much of this claim as is by law under the jurisdiction of this Board, on such terms and conditions as, in his judgment, will be most advantageous to the City, and to consult with the Corporation Counsel relative to the same, and to report his action to the Sinking Fund Commissioners, before the terms of settlement may be concluded, for their confirmation and adoption.

The petition of James Wrigley for remission of balance of rent on premises No. 61 Chatham street was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

The matter of the application of the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company to be awarded the franchise of a ferry from Pier No. 1 East river, to Staten Island, laid over at the last meeting, was taken up for consideration. George W. Wingate, Esq., appeared on behalf of the New York and Staten Island Ferry Company and the North Shore Ferry Company; James McNamee, Esq., on behalf of the North Shore Company and J. H. Starin; and Dwight Townsend, Esq., on behalf of the Staten Island Railroad Company, and severally presented their cases in behalf of their respective clients; after which, on motion, adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 7, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office April 7, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the application of Sarah E. Cornish, executrix and trustee of William H. Raynor, deceased, for grant of land under water on a creek emptying into the Harlem river, in front of the premises of the late William H. Raynor, on the Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—The Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah E. Cornish, executrix of William H. Raynor, deceased, for a grant of land under water on the Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets, would

Report, That upon a request made to the Department of Taxes and Assessments the Commissioners have certified the value of said water grant to be ten dollars (\$10) a linear foot, and such valuation has been approved by the Commissioner of Public Works as just and equitable.

I would therefore recommend that a grant be made to this applicant at the sum of ten dollars (\$10) per linear foot.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

On motion, the report was accepted and approved, and the resolution submitted therewith adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a grant of the land fronting the premises of the late William H. Raynor, between the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street and the centre line of the block between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets, near the Eighth avenue, and extending from the line of high-water mark to the centre of the stream which empties into the Harlem river, near Macomb's Dam, be made to Sarah E. Cornish, executrix of the last will and testament of William H. Raynor, deceased, at the sum of ten dollars (\$10) per running foot, excluding the width of One Hundred and Fifty-fourth street, as shown on the diagram accompanying her application.

On motion of the Recorder, it was

Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, and that he be and hereby is requested to issue a grant, as authorized by the aforesaid resolution, upon proof that the applicant is entitled to the same.

The Mayor stated that his attention had been called to the action of the Grand Jury in relation to the establishment of a lying-in hospital in the vicinity of Bellevue Hospital, under the charge of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction.

The Comptroller suggested that premises No. 223 (formerly No. 135) East Twenty-sixth street, would be a suitable location for such hospital. He further stated that these premises were sold at public auction April 22, 1867, and the bid assigned to "The Eclectic Medical Dispensary," by which they have been and are now occupied. The deed for said premises, however, has not been delivered, the trustees of said dispensary having failed to complete the purchase; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller take proceedings to compel the Eclectic Medical Dispensary, of the City of New York, to complete purchase of premises No. 135 East Twenty-sixth street, which were sold at public auction on April 22, 1867, or to set aside the sale if the balance of the consideration, with interest and charges, is not paid forthwith.

The Comptroller submitted a list of property belonging to the City of New York, which has heretofore been sold at public auction, for which deeds have not been delivered, the purchases not having been closed; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to take whatever measures may be necessary to close the purchases of premises belonging to the City of New York, which have been heretofore sold at public auction, where a payment on account has been made by the purchasers; and if such sales are not settled within a reasonable time, as may be determined by the Comptroller, that he take proceedings to have the same set aside and vacated, and the holders of such premises sued for the several amounts which they owe the City.

The Comptroller submitted applications of Benjamin A. Willis for water grants as follows:

On Harlem river, between One Hundred and Thirty-seventh and One Hundred and Fortieth streets, and corner Fourth avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street (heretofore submitted to this Board, final action not having been taken thereon), which, on motion, were referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller submitted the following report on the application of James Wrigley for remission of balance of rent on premises No. 61 Chatham street, which, on motion, was accepted and recommendation adopted, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of James Wrigley for remission of rent to May 1, 1877, on premises known as No. 61 Chatham street, would

Report, That he can find no good reason why such rent should be remitted, these premises having been leased to the petitioner on a term of five years from May 1, 1872, who has had continued possession thereof since that date, and is now in occupation of the same. He would recommend that the application of the petitioner be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

NEW YORK, April 7, 1877—Comptroller's Office.

The Comptroller submitted a communication from the Department of Public Charities and Correction stating that "The schoolship 'Mercury' is now lying off Hart's Island, and in the opinion of this Board should be sold at auction"; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to sell at public auction, on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, the schoolship 'Mercury.' The appraisal and terms of sale to be reported to this Board previous to such sale for confirmation and approval.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to lease, at public auction, at the sale to be held on April 9, 1877, the following property:

Room, third story, front, No. 49 Beekman street, 7 by 15, for the term of two years from May 1, 1877.

House over Fulton Market, on front street, for the term of one year from May 1, 1877.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of valuation of the leases of the above-described premises, as made by Samuel C. Holmes, herewith attached, and to fix the terms of sale as provided for the sale of which this is an adjournment. Appraisement filed.

The Mayor submitted the following preamble and resolution, adopted by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor, which, on motion of the Comptroller, was referred to the Mayor and Recorder, viz.:

Whereas, The Legislature has now before it a bill providing for the removal of the State Capitol buildings from Albany to this City; and

Whereas, This, the great metropolis of the Empire State, judged by its location and its many great commercial advantages, is the proper place for the same; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Common Council, in behalf of the citizens of the City of New York, and for themselves, do request his Honor the Mayor to urge the Sinking Fund Commissioners to tender, on behalf of this City, sufficient ground in Washington Park or Square, or any other property owned by the City, to be at the option of the State authorities, as a site for the erection of the State Capitol buildings; and said Commissioners are hereby respectfully requested and directed to use all honorable means before the Legislature, now in session, to carry this resolution into effect.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen March 27, 1877.

Approved by the Mayor April 4, 1877.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk, Common Council.

On motion, adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 9, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office April 9, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Deputy Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following communication from Robert S. Newton, President of the Executive Committee of the Eclectic Medical Dispensary, viz.:

NEW YORK, April 7, 1877.

To the Honorable JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—The Eclectic Medical Dispensary of the City of New York hereby offers to transfer to the Corporation of the City of New York all the rights, title and equity in and to the property named in use and occupied by said Dispensary, located at No. 223 East Twenty-sixth street, excepting the shelving, seats and partitions in the lower room, and the partitions and gas fixtures in the upper part of the house or second story of said building.

Yours truly,

ROBERT S. NEWTON, President of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the offer of the Eclectic Medical Dispensary, as stated in the aforesaid communication, was accepted, and the following preamble and resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, adopted, viz.:

Whereas, The Eclectic Medical Dispensary of the City of New York has not completed the payment of the balance of consideration due upon premises No. 223 East Twenty-sixth street (formerly No. 135), and various taxes and assessments are due and payable on such property since the year 1867; and

Whereas, Robert S. Newton, on behalf of such Dispensary, has offered to yield up to the City of New York said premises, reserving the right to certain fixtures in such premises; and

Whereas, These premises are required by the Department of Charities and Correction for a lying-in hospital; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to consent with the Eclectic Medical Dispensary of the City of New York, on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, to receive such property now known as No. 223 East Twenty-sixth street, and to release said Dispensary from any liability for the payment of the balance of consideration, together with the taxes and assessments now due upon the New York Eclectic Dispensary, delivering to the City of New York possession of such premises and executing to the City of New York a release from all claims which they may have to the same, together with the appurtenances, and that upon said premises being delivered to the Comptroller he do assign and transfer the same to the care and management of the Department of Charities and Correction.

On motion of the Comptroller, the Clerk of this Board was directed to give notice to the Department of Charities and Correction that the aforesaid premises are assigned and transferred to their care and management, to be appropriated for and used as a lying-in hospital.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

F. W. GILLEY, JR., Deputy Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 13, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office April 13, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller stated that the leases of several ferries will expire on the 1st of May next, and submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller is hereby authorized and empowered to take the necessary measures to lease the franchises of the following ferries, to wit:

The ferry from the foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island, now leased to the Staten Island Railroad Company.

The ferry from the foot of Chambers street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, New Jersey.

The ferry from Desbrosses street, North river, to Harsimus street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

The ferry from the foot of Forty-second street, North river, to Weehawken, New Jersey.

—for a period not exceeding ten years from May 1, 1877; such measures to be taken in accordance with the conditions approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, at their meeting held April 1, 1874.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to prepare a form of the lease for the aforesaid ferries, containing the usual covenants and conditions, and that shall conform in all respects to the law and ordinances in relation to ferries.

On motion of the Mayor, it was

Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Comptroller, that he may consult with the Counsel to the Corporation relative to the terms and conditions of the sale and the form of lease to be used, in order to comply with the requirements of the existing laws relating to ferry franchises, and to secure the rights and interests of the City.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 19, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office April 19, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

On motion, adjourned.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

APRIL 30, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office April 30, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the meeting held April 13, 1877, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks dated April 28, 1877, requesting that one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York be issued for the uses and purposes of the Department of Docks; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties; being the amount of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks dated April 28, 1877.

The Comptroller submitted the appraisement by Hon. Jacob A. Westervelt of the value of the schoolship "Mercury," owned by the City, to be sold at public auction May 5, 1877; whereupon the following resolution was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of valuation of the schoolship "Mercury," to be sold at auction on May 5, 1877, as made by Jacob A. Westervelt, and fix the terms of sale as follows:

Terms of Sale.

Ten per cent. to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue, at the time and place of sale; the balance within three days at the office of the Collector of City Revenue, in the new Court-house, upon delivery of the vessel.

The Comptroller submitted the following appraisement of the value of the building erected by the lessee upon the premises on the northeasterly side of Grand street, next to the corner of Mangin street, leased to Mary Kent, executrix, the lease of which will expire May 1, 1877, viz.:

We do hereby fix and determine the value of the building upon the premises on the northeasterly side of Grand street, next to the corner of Mangin street, leased to Mary Kent, executrix, by indenture of lease dated April 1, 1837, at \$500.

New York, April 18, 1877.

BENJ. YATES.
WM. KENNELLY.

In presence of—

C. W. LAWRENCE.

When, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the valuation of the building on the northeasterly side of Grand street, next to the corner of Mangin street, pursuant to the terms of the lease with Mary Kent, executrix, dated April 1, 1837, as made by Benjamin Yates and William Kennelly, and hereto attached. /

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.
PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 5, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office June 5, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following communication, viz.:

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
June 5, 1877.

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Herewith is submitted a statement of the ferry franchises which have been established by the City of New York, the leases of which have expired or will expire within a short time.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

Ferry Leases to be Disposed of.

Ferry from the foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island; lease expired May 1, 1877.

Ferry from Whitehall street to the foot of Sixty-fifth street, Bay Ridge, in the Town of New Utrecht, Long Island; established by resolution of Common Council approved June 4, 1877.

Ferry from Cortlandt street, North river, to Jersey City; leased for five years from May 1, 1876, at two and one-half per cent. on gross receipts; rent paid to May 1, 1877, at two and one-half per cent. on gross receipts on New York side; company refuses to execute lease except on that basis.

Ferry from Barclay street, North river, to Hoboken, New Jersey; leased to October 1, 1877, at two per cent. on gross income; company declines to pay, except for New York side; rent paid at that rate to May 1, 1877.

Ferry from Chambers street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, New Jersey; lease expired May 1, 1877.

Ferry from Desbrosses street, North river, to Harsimus, Jersey City; no lease since November 1, 1876; rent paid to May 1, 1877, at two and one-half per cent. on New York side.

Ferry from Houston street, East river, to Brooklyn, E. D.; no lease executed; bid, in dispute, was to May 1, 1879.

Ferry from Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island; no lease executed; bid was up to November 1, 1880; rent paid to May 1, 1877; two and one-half per cent. on New York side.

Ferry from Twenty-third street, East river, to Greenpoint, L. I.; no lease executed; bid was to November 1, 1880; rent paid to May 1, 1877; two and one-half per cent. on New York side.

The following leases will expire on November 1, 1877.

Ferry from Thirty-fourth street, East river, to Hunter's Point, Long Island; now leased to the East River Ferry Company.

Ferry from Ninety-second street, East river, to Astoria, Queens County, L. I.; now leased to the East River Ferry Company.

Whereupon the following resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized and empowered to take the necessary measures to lease, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the franchises of the following ferries, for a period not exceeding ten years; said leases to be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, and to be executed by the Comptroller, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

Ferry from foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island.

Ferry from Whitehall street to the foot of Sixty-fifth street, Bay Ridge, in the Town of New Utrecht, Long Island.

Ferry from Cortlandt street, North river, to Jersey City.

Ferry from Barclay street, North river, to Hoboken, New Jersey.

Ferry from Chambers street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, New Jersey.

Ferry from Desbrosses street, North river, to Harsimus, Jersey City.

Ferry from Houston street, East river, to Brooklyn, E. D.

Ferry from Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island.

Ferry from Twenty-third street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island.

Ferry from Thirty-fourth street, East river, to Hunter's Point, Long Island.

Ferry from Ninety-second street East river, to Astoria, Queens County, Long Island.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby appraise and fix the value of the ferry franchises, in each case, at five (5) per cent. of the gross receipts of each ferry collected at the landing place in the City of New York.

The Comptroller submitted the application of the executors of the estate of Adam Treadwell, deceased, for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault, southeast corner Greenwich and Murray streets, received and referred to the Comptroller October 6, 1875; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$315.75) be returned to the estate of Adam Treadwell, being the excess paid for a vault, on September 23, 1873, in front of the premises known as the southeast corner of Murray and Greenwich streets.

The Comptroller presented the application of Joseph Hewlett for release from the Corporation of the strip of land (caused by the change in the location of the street) along the front of his property on Seventy-ninth street, between Fourth and Madison avenues; and submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to dispose of the interest which the City of New York may have in any portion of the old streets included in the common lands which have not been heretofore released to the adjacent owners; and that such interest be sold, either at public auction or upon sealed bids, after the value has been, in each case, appraised and fixed by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Comptroller submitted the following report in relation to the claim of Sigmund Wise for compiling and preparing tables, etc., in reference to claims of the City against certain railroad companies, submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund April 18, 1876, viz.:

To the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—Application has been made to this office by Sigmund Wise for payment of his claim for preparing tables and statements of facts in relation to claims of the City of New York against certain railroad companies, and attention has been called to the action of the Sinking Fund relative thereto on April 18 and December 6, 1876, on which later date a report was submitted by the Recorder and the Comptroller, recommending the sum of \$2,500 as a fair and reasonable compensation for the work performed; which report was, at that time, referred to the Comptroller, to be submitted to the Counsel to the Corporation for his opinion.

Upon an examination of the case it does not appear that any action was had pursuant to this last resolution, or any steps taken toward a settlement.

I would, accordingly, call attention to this claim, and request that the matter be taken up and a determination thereof had.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

Whereupon the following resolution, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and twenty cents (\$3,958.20) be paid to Sigmund Wise, in full satisfaction for all services performed by him in making up statements of the amounts due from the various city railroad companies, and furnishing information for the preparation and prosecution of actions for the collection of the amounts due; and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be requested to transfer from account "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of," for 1875 and 1876, sufficient moneys for the payment thereof.

The following applications and petitions were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Application of James B. Johnson (and accompanying papers) for extension of water grant on Harlem river, between One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth streets, submitted to this Board May 29, 1867; resolution authorizing the issue of the grant passed March 2, 1868.

Application of B. W. Van Voorhis, President of Manhattan Gas Company, for water grant on Hudson river, between One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Forty-sixth streets.

Application of Edward A. Smith for release from fulfilling contract for lease of Cellar No. 9, Fulton Market.

Application of Mrs. Rebecca Jones (Charles E. Strong, attorney) for adjustment of boundaries of lots on Fifty-fifth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

Petition of Caroline E. Mackay for adjustment of boundary line at Fiftieth street near Lexington avenue.

Petition of Elizabeth Schuh and others for reduction of rent of cellars in Essex Market.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JUNE 15, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office June 15, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The application of Thomas Patten for a grant of land under water, East river, in front of the upland owned by him, between Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller stated that the schoolship "Mercury" had not been disposed of, though offered for sale at public auction, as authorized by resolution of this Board passed April 7, 1877.

Communications were submitted from the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction notifying the Comptroller that upon consultation with the Health Commissioners it had been decided that the schoolship "Mercury" cannot be used for the purpose of a "small-pox hospital."

The Comptroller submitted the appraisement by H. F. Dimock, Esq. (one of the Commissioners of Docks, and, from his experience in shipping business, thoroughly qualified to make the appraisement) of the schoolship "Mercury," to be sold at public auction on the 16th instant; when, on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby fix the value of the schoolship "Mercury," to be sold at auction on June 16, 1877, at five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

A communication was submitted by the Mayor from "The New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb," in relation to the action by this Board on the application of said institution for grant of land under water in front of their premises at Washington Heights, on the North river.

The Comptroller stated that doubts had been expressed as to the power of this Board under existing laws to dispose "of land under water on the shores of the "Island of New York, or on the shores of Long Island, and within the limits of the "various charters of the City of New York," except at public auction, to the highest bidder; when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board communicate with the Counsel to the Corporation, and request him to furnish to this Commission his opinion in relation to the power of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to issue grants for land under water; also, whether section 102 of the Charter of 1873, prohibits the sale of such lands, except at public auction, after public advertisement and appraisal under the direction of this Board.

On motion of the Mayor, the Clerk was directed to furnish the officers of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb with a copy of the aforesaid resolution.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 2, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office July 2, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to sale of ferry franchise from New York to Staten Island was submitted; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the award of the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York City, to Staten Island, until May 1, 1884, made to John H. Starin, by resolution of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on March 18, 1876, be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled; and the Comptroller is authorized and empowered to sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the lease of such franchise for the period of one year from July 15, 1877; the successful bidder at the sale to pay one thousand five hundred dollars immediately upon the franchise having been struck down to him, as security for the execution and performance of the lease; such amount to be credited on the first and second quarters' rent when the same becomes due.

The lease to be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation and to be executed by the Comptroller on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby appraise and fix the value of this ferry franchise at five (5) per cent. of the gross receipts collected at the landing place in the City of New York.

Opinions of the Corporation Counsel were received, viz.:

Opinion in relation to the power of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to make grants of land under water; and

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Opinion in relation to sales of ferry franchises in connection with the wharf property set apart for ferry purposes; which, on motion, were laid on the table.

Application of C. C. Ellis to purchase the portion of Barren Island owned by the City was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, to confer with the Police Commissioners.

The following applications and communications were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Application of Michael McMahon for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault at No. 196 Clinton street.

Application of Thomas Rutter for water grant, East river, between Sixtieth and Sixty-first streets.

Communication from Commissioners of Fire Department in relation to sale and removal of bell-tower, No. 440 West Thirty-third street.

Communication from Commissioners of Docks in relation to change in width and location of Piers, new, Nos. 38 and 39, North river.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 17, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office July 17, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications were received from the Commissioners of Docks dated, respectively, July 11 and July 12, 1877, in relation to the issue of Dock Bonds of the City of New York for the uses and purposes of the Dock Department; which, on motion, were ordered on file; when, on motion, the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York for the purpose of raising moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties; on account of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks dated July 12, 1877, for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

Opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation in response to the resolution of this Board adopted June 15, 1877, in relation to power of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to issue grants of land under water, dated June 28, 1877, was received. and, on motion, ordered on file.

(Opinion printed in full in "The City Record" of July 21, 1877.)

The following opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the application of Sarah E. Cornish, executrix and trustee of William H. Raynor, deceased, for grant of land under water on a creek running into Harlem river, in front of upland on Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets, was received, viz.:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION, }
NEW YORK, July 2, 1877.

To the Honorable the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund:

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith the application of Sarah E. Cornish, the executrix and trustee of William H. Raynor, deceased, for a grant of land under water on a creek running into the Harlem river, in front of the upland on Eighth avenue, between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets.

A report of the proceedings taken and of the resolution adopted by the Board on April 7, 1877, were transmitted to me in a letter from the Clerk of the Board dated April 14, 1877. It appeared by said report that a resolution making the grant applied for by Mrs. Cornish was adopted by the Board, but that, on motion of the Recorder, the following resolution was also adopted:

“Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Counsel to the Corporation, and “that he be and hereby is requested to issue a grant, as authorized by the afore-said resolution, upon proof that the applicant is entitled to the same.”

I do not think that this grant should be issued:

1. So far as can be ascertained the City has never parted with its title to the tideway covered by the proposed grant, and the grant should, therefore, not be issued for the reasons which are fully set forth in my communication to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of June 28, in regard to all cases of this character.

2. The land covered by the proposed grant is not upon the Harlem river, but upon a creek which empties into the Harlem river. Neither the old charters of the City nor the acts of the Legislature have ever given the owners of upland on such creek any pre-emptive rights.

Whatever title the City has to the land it obtained under the Dongan Charter, which granted to the City all waste, vacant, unpatented and unappropriated lands down to low-water mark; and no pre-emptive right to said lands exists in any person whatsoever.

I am, sir, yours respectfully,

W. C. WHITNEY, Counsel to the Corporation.

Whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in consideration of the reasons, as stated in the foregoing opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, the said application of Sarah E. Cornish, executrix and trustee of William H. Raynor, deceased, for grant of land under water on a creek running into Harlem river, in front of the upland on Eighth avenue,

between One Hundred and Fifty-third and One Hundred and Fifty-fourth streets be and hereby is denied.

The application of Maturin Livingston for grant of land under water, Harlem river, in front of upland owned by him, between One Hundred and Twenty-third and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth streets, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 19, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office July 19, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The application of the Commissioners of Docks, dated July 14, 1875, for approval by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund "of the purchase by the Department of Docks, for and on behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City, of the premises known as Pier No. 44, North river, for the sum of \$250,000," submitted to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund October 6, 1875, and laid on the table December 29, 1875, was taken up; when, on motion of the Comptroller, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, In the year 1875 application was made to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund by the Board of the Department of Docks for the purchase of Pier No. 44, North river, at the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with request that this Board do approve of the purchase at such amount; and

Whereas, The present depressed condition of affairs does not justify any increase of the liabilities of the City or the creation of any new indebtedness not required to meet pressing wants; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby refuse to approve of the purchase of Pier No. 44, North river, at the present time.

The Comptroller submitted the following appraisement, by S. C. Holmes, of the valuation of the leases of property to be sold at public auction on July 21, 1877, viz.:

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

SIR—I have examined premises No. 91 Chatham street, and appraise the yearly rent at \$600.

And also No. 61 Thompson street at \$500.

And Lots Nos. 14, 15 and 16, on south side of Sixty-eighth street, between Third and Lexington avenues, at \$20 each.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. HOLMES.

NEW YORK, July 14, 1877.

Whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of valuation of the leases of property to be sold at public auction on July 21, 1877, as made by S. C. Holmes, and fix the terms of sale as follows:

Terms of Sale.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required at the same time to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of the sale.

Twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent, or forfeited if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation (section 99 of Charter of 1873).

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the City during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and the fulfillment, on their part, of the covenants of the lease.

The Comptroller submitted a communication from the Police Commissioners transmitting "Copy of the report of the Committee on Street Cleaning relative to "the use of land owned by the City of New York, located on Barren Island," as a dumping ground; whereupon the following preamble and resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Whereas, George F. Swift and Andrew J. White have refused to comply with the terms of the lease of lands at Barren Island, leased to them for the term of two years from May 1, 1876 (being between one hundred and one hundred and twenty acres of land), and have paid no rent therefor, with the exception of the twenty per cent. which was collected on the day of sale; therefore be it

Resolved, That the lease made with George F. Swift and Andrew J. White for premises on Barren Island be canceled and declared void; and that the Counsel to the Corporation be requested to take immediate steps to remove Messrs. Swift and White from the occupation of said lands.

Resolved, That all the land on Barren Island owned by the City of New York be set apart for the use of the Police Department of the City of New York, as a dumping ground, and that such Department be authorized to take possession of said premises, upon Swift & White having been ejected therefrom.

The Comptroller submitted bills for taking care of the schoolship "Mercury," while in charge of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, until sold at public auction; whereupon the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz.:

Whereas, Certain necessary expenses have been incurred for taking care of the schoolship "Mercury" since said ship was transferred by the Department of Public Charities and Correction to the charge of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, which said ship has been sold and the proceeds thereof paid into the City Treasury, to the credit of the Sinking Fund for the Redemption of the City Debt; therefore

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to audit and pay the bills for said expenses from the appropriation for "Commissioners of the "Sinking Fund, Expenses of," 1877: said bills, amounting in all to the sum of one hundred and forty dollars and forty-five cents, as follows, to wit:

Bill of S. D. Horton, for one-half pilotage from Hart's Island through Hell Gate.....	\$16 25
Bill of steamer "Babcock," for making ship fast and placing her head on at Pier No. 1.....	20 00
Bill of William Hughes, watchman, for board from April 26 to June 23, 1877.....	42 35
Bill of John Kelly, watchman, for board from April 25 to May 6, 1877...	11 50
Bill of Henry Rick, watchman, for board from May 7 to 21, 1877.....	9 55

Bill of Edward Butler, watchman, for board from May 22 to 31, 1877....	\$8 00
Bill of John Morton, watchman, for board from April 27 to June 6, 1877.	32 80
Total	<u>\$140 45</u>

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

JULY 30, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office July 30, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller stated that there was a balance in the Treasury to the credit of the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt" of \$866,231.37. and submitted the following resolution; which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain, for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), to be charged to the "Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of the Surplus Revenues of said fund for the year 1877, and credited to the "General Fund," in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862.

The bill of Edward Butler, for watching the ship "Mercury" (recently sold at public auction) while in charge of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, amounting to \$16.65, was received, and, on motion, the following resolution, submitted by Comptroller, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to pay the bill of Edward Butler, for board while watching the ship "Mercury," from June 1 to 23, 1877, amounting to sixteen dollars and sixty-five cents, from the appropriation for "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of," 1877.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 15, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office August 15, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the communication from the Commissioners of the Fire Department, in relation to sale and removal of bell-tower, No. 440 West Thirty-third street, reported the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to sell, at public auction, on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, the building known as the bell-tower now standing on premises No. 440 West Thirty-third street, the same having been reported to be in a very dangerous condition; and that he take all necessary measures on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to effect such sale.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of Michael McMahon for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault at No. 196 Clinton street, reported the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-two dollars and three cents (\$22.03) be returned to Michael McMahon, being the excess paid by him for a vault, on June 12, 1877, in front of premises known as No. 196 Clinton street.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of George J. Miller and C. Henrietta Miller, his wife, for a new release for commutation of water lot rent of lot northeast corner of West street and Charles alley, submitted the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation on the said application, which, on motion, was ordered on file.

(Opinion printed in full in "The City Record" of August 17, 1877.)

Whereupon the following preamble and resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Whereas, Upon the payment, on May 29, 1867, by George J. Miller, of the sum three thousand five hundred and ninety-four dollars and ninety-seven cents, the proportionate amount of commutation money due upon the premises on the east side of West street, extending from Charles alley to Perry street, a release was made to him of the rent to become due on such premises, reserved under the grant to Abijah Hammond, dated May 1, 1821; and

Whereas, It has since been ascertained that George J. Miller was not the owner of the lot on the northeast corner of Charles alley and West street at the date of such payment and release, but that said lot was owned by Catharine H. Miller; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to cause a release from the quit rent reserved thereon by the grant to Abijah Hammond, to be made out and executed to Catharine H. Miller, of all that certain lot of land situate on the northeast corner of Charles alley and West street, being twenty-three feet six inches on West street, nineteen feet in the rear by ninety-nine feet three inches on Charles alley.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the communication from the Commissioners of Docks in relation to change in the width and location of Piers, new, Nos. 38 and 39, North river, reported the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby consent to and approve of the change of width and location of Piers, new, Nos. 38 and 39, North river, as shown on the annexed diagram, fixing the width of each of said piers at seventy-five feet instead of eighty feet, and establishing at the line for the new bulkhead wall the northerly line of said Pier No. 39, about seven hundred and twenty feet south of the southerly line of Pier, new, No. 42, and the northerly line of said Pier No. 38, about one hundred and ninety feet south of the southerly line of said Pier No. 39.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act chapter 574 of the Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, on account of

the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks, dated July 12, 1877, for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

The Comptroller submitted bill of William Kennelly, for services as appraiser on the part of the City to fix the value of buildings on premises leased to Mary Kent, northeasterly side of Grand street, next to the corner of Mangin street, on expiration of lease, amounting to \$50; when, on motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized to pay the bill of William Kennelly, for services as appraiser on behalf of the City in fixing the value of the buildings on premises No. 594 Grand street, on the expiration of lease of said premises, amounting to fifty dollars (\$50), from the appropriation for "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, Expenses of," 1877.

The following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That all that portion of North Brother Island which belongs to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York be set apart and appropriated to the use of the Health Department from May 1, 1878; and that the Board of Health be authorized to take possession thereof for such purposes as may be deemed proper by said Board.

The Mayor submitted a communication from Charles Kinkel, Chairman of a German-American school society, transmitting a petition for the use of premises on the northeast corner of Third avenue and Eighty-fifth street, in which to continue their school, now held in East Eighty-fifth street, between Lexington and Third avenues, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

W. W. Shippen, Esq., Chairman of the Committee of Ferry Proprietors, appeared on behalf of said committee, and was heard in relation to the sale of ferry franchises, advertised to be held on the 16th instant, and stated the objections of himself and those he represented, to the terms and conditions of said sale, and to the provisions of the lease required to be executed by the successful bidders.

The Comptroller and the Recorder briefly replied, calling attention to the provisions of the Charter of 1873, section 102, and the laws and ordinances in relation to the Sinking Fund.

After further remarks by other gentlemen, the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and is hereby requested to furnish his opinion to the Sinking Fund Commission as to whether he intends the provision contained in the proposed form of lease, as follows, viz.:

" And the parties of the first part assume, under this instrument, no responsibility
" to provide or furnish the said landing places or slips, docks, bridges, floats or
" fixtures, or any or either of them, or to permit the use therefor, of any property
" belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York;
" the said part of the second part taking all the responsibility with reference
" thereto";

—to apply to all the ferry franchises.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 22, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office August 22, 1877.

Present—The (Acting) Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The bill of Mrs. Wilhelmina Kilian, lessee of premises No. 61 Chatham street, amounting to \$401.26, for repairs, etc., of said premises, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

A communication was received from D. McMahon, Esq., attorney for A. E. Beach, offering to sell to the City certain lands, between high and low water mark, on the shore of Ward's (Great Barn) Island, belonging to said Beach, as shown on map of said island made by order of Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court of the State of New York; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to his action under resolution of this Board adopted July 19, 1877, for the removal of George F. Smith and Andrew J. White from the occupation of certain lands on Barren Island belonging to the City of New York and leased to said Swift and White, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

The Comptroller submitted the following appraisement of the bell-tower on premises No. 440 West Thirty-third street, to be sold at auction on the 23d instant, viz.:

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Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

SIR—I have examined the old iron bell-tower, situate on West Thirty-third street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, and find it dangerous in its present condition.

I also appraise the value thereof at \$500.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. HOLMES.

New York, August 11, 1877.

Whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of valuation of the iron bell-tower at No. 440 West Thirty-third street, as made by Samuel C. Holmes, herewith, and fix the terms of sale as follows:

Cash to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale. The successful bidder to remove said building within thirty days from the date of sale, and to leave the ground upon which it stands free from all material of the building and smoothly and evenly graded.

HENRY D. PURROY, (Acting) Mayor.

JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

AUGUST 29, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office August 29, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Mrs. Anna C. Keane, widow of James Keane, lessee of premises No. 66 Chatham street, in relation to the ground rent under the present lease, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

A communication was received from Richard H. Thorne, late Deputy Collector of City Revenue, in relation to an alleged error in the amount deposited in the City Treasury on account of Rent of Market Stands in Washington Market in 1877, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

The opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation, in response to the resolution of this Board adopted on the 15th instant, as to whether the provision in the proposed form of lease of ferry franchises, in relation to "Landing places or slips, docks, bridges, floats, etc.," is intended to apply to all ferry franchises, was received, and, on motion ordered on file.

(Opinion printed in full in the "City Record" of August 30, 1877.)

The Comptroller submitted the following appraisement of the bell-tower at No. 440 West Thirty-third street, to be sold at auction on the 30th instant, viz.:

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

SIR—I have examined the iron bell-tower, situate at No. 440 West Thirty-third street, and appraise the same at \$350.

NEW YORK, August 27, 1877.

SAMUEL C. HOLMES.

Whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisal of the iron bell-tower at No. 440 West Thirty-third street, as made by S. C. Holmes, herewith attached, and fix the terms of sale as follows:

Terms of Sale.

Cash to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale.

The successful bidder to take down the bell, and to leave the same on the lot No. 440 West Thirty-third street; to remove said building within thirty days from the date of sale, and to leave the ground on which it stands free from all materials of the building, and smoothly and evenly graded.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office September 19, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller stated he had taken the usual proceedings to dispose of the franchise of the ferries, as advertised, but had sold only the following, viz.:

Ferry from Chambers street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, New Jersey;

Ferry from Houston street, East river, to Brooklyn, E. D.; and

Ferry from Thirty-fourth street, East river, to Hunter's Point, Long Island;

—the representatives of the other ferries advertised declining to bid on account of the mode of appraisement of the franchise and of certain conditions in the proposed form of lease.

Communications were submitted from the Staten Island Railway Company, John I. Stevens, Secretary; Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, W. W. Shippen, President; and the Associates of the Jersey Company, A. L. Dennis, President, stating, in detail, their objections to the system of leasing the ferries adopted by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and to the terms and conditions of the proposed lease. Communication filed.

The Comptroller submitted a statement of the gross receipts of several ferry companies, and the amounts paid to the City by the same for the five years previous to 1877. Statement filed.

The Counsel to the Corporation stated his views in relation to the various objections of the ferry companies, submitted by their representatives, and suggested

that the officers of the different companies and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund meet for consultation in relation to the various questions at issue, in order, if possible, to agree upon some form of leasing the ferries which will be acceptable to all parties; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sale of ferry franchises, as advertised to take place on the 20th instant, be postponed to Thursday, the 27th instant.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That when the Board adjourns it be to Tuesday, the 25th instant.

The following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board invite the representatives of the ferry companies to be present at the meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to be held on the 25th instant; and also request the said representatives to call upon the Counsel to the Corporation, at his office, prior to the meeting of this Board on the 25th instant, for consultation in relation to their objections to the manner of leasing the ferries, and to the proposed form of lease of ferry franchises, in order to secure, if possible, harmonious action in the matter of leasing the ferries by the parties interested.

A communication was received from John O'Donnell, Chairman of Farmers' Co-operative Union, in relation to fines imposed on John S. Croucher and Skidmore Langdon, for obstruction of Hudson street by market wagons; which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller submitted the appraisement of the valuation of the lease of the premises on the northeast corner of Third avenue and East Eighty-fifth street, by S. C. Holmes, viz.:

Hon. JOHN KELLY, Comptroller:

SIR—I have examined the premises on the northeast corner of Third avenue and East Eighty-fifth street, and find the lot 25 feet on Third avenue by 100 feet 7 inches on Eighty-fifth street, with a three-story brick building 25 by 60 feet, with cellar, erected for the Fire Department.

I appraise the rent per annum at \$1,000.

S. C. HOLMES.

NEW YORK, September 18, 1877.

Whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolution; which on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby approve of the appraisement of the valuation of the lease of the premises northeast corner

of Third avenue and East Eighty-fifth street, by S. C. Holmes; and that the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to lease the same, at public auction, to the highest bidder.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain, for the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of the moneys deposited to the credit of "Croton Water Rents," to be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of "Croton Water Rent, Refunding Account," to be applied to the refunding of duplicate and erroneous payments of Croton water rents.

A communication was received from A. V. Winans, President, in relation to the ferry from Ninety-second street, East river, to Astoria, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

The application of Edwin M. Harrison for grant of land under water, between Duane and Jay streets, North river, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks in relation to change in width and location of Pier (old) No. 43, North river, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned to Tuesday, the 25th instant.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office September 25, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks in relation to change in the width and location of Pier, new, No. 37, North river; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby consent to and approve of the change of width and location of Pier, new, No. 37, North river, as shown on the annexed diagram, so as to fix the width of said pier at about seventy feet instead of eighty feet, and to establish the northerly line of such pier at the line for the new bulkhead wall, about one hundred and eighty-three and five-tenths feet south of the southerly line of Pier, new, No. 38, North river, as approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund on August 15, 1877.

A communication was received from the Commissioners of Docks in relation to change in the width and location of Pier, new, No. 35, North river; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby consent to and approve of the width and location of Pier, new, No. 35, North river, as laid down in the plan prepared by the Department of Docks, and so as to fix the width of said pier at sixty-two feet instead of eighty feet, and as to establish at the line for the new bulkhead wall the southerly line of said pier about one hundred and

forty-two feet north of the northerly line of Pier, new, No. 34, North river; said northerly line being five feet north of the north line of said Pier No. 34, as now constructed.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of Edwin M. Harrison for grant of land under water, between Duane and Jay streets, submitted the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That all action upon the application of Edwin M. Harrison for a water grant of premises No. 191 West street, and on all other petitions for water grants, be deferred until the determination of the suit which is now pending, brought on behalf of the City against Messrs. Hart and Remsen, to vacate a grant which was heretofore made to them by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act chapter 574, Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising moneys necessary to carry out the provision of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, on account of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks, dated July 12, 1877, for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

An application was received from H. B. Turner, attorney for Georgianna Everett, Josephine Cozzens, Louise R. Edey and Antoinette Cozzens, owners of the premises on the southwest corner of Seventeenth street and Broadway, for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault on the aforesaid premises; whereupon the Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty dollars and eighty-one cents (\$60.81) be returned to Georgianna Everett and others, or H. B. Turner, attorney, being the excess paid by them for a vault in front of building southwest corner of Seventeenth street and Broadway, February 14, 1877.

A communication was received from the Treasurer of the Eighty-fourth Street Presbyterian Church, in relation to sale of said premises for unpaid assessment, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

The subject of leasing ferries was taken up for consideration.

The Counsel to the Corporation stated that several of the parties interested in the leasing of ferries had, at the request, as he understood, of individual members of

the Commission, been in consultation with him as to the form of lease of the franchises and if one or two matters were assented to by the Sinking Fund Commissioners, apparently all matters would be amicably arranged.

1. That the appraisal and minimum price should be stated in a round sum of money, instead of a percentage.

2. That instead of the proviso leaving it to the City to prescribe, at any time, the rates of fare, number of boats and trips, etc., that a maximum rate of fare and a minimum number of trips and boats should be agreed upon beforehand, and inserted in the lease.

This will require a resolution of appraisal by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

A general consultation between the Commissioners and the representatives of the ferries was held, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That when the Board adjourn it be to 12 o'clock to-morrow.

The following resolutions of the Common Council, adopted September 19, 1877, were received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Resolved, That a ferry be and is hereby established to run from Peck slip to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, at Third avenue, Harlem, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East river; the franchise to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

Resolved, That a ferry be and is hereby established to run from Fulton Market slip, New York City, to Mott Haven, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East river; the franchise to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

On motion, the Board adjourned until to-morrow, the 26th instant, at 12 o'clock M.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held pursuant to adjournment at the Mayor's Office September 26, 1877.

A quorum not being present, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the Comptroller.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 1, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office October 1, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications from S. L. M. Barlow, Esq., in relation to the receipts of the Thirty-fourth Street Ferry, James Slip Ferry and Houston Street Ferry were received and ordered on file.

The Comptroller submitted the following report relative to leases of ferry franchises, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

The Comptroller would report that, pursuant to instructions from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the leases of various ferry franchises were offered at public auction on September 6, 1877, and bids called for on the basis of a valuation fixed upon a percentage of five per cent. on the gross receipts at the New York landing places.

At the sale the only bids received were from the Receiver of the Erie Railway Company, at five per cent. on the gross receipts at the New York landing place, for the ferry from Chambers street, New York, to Pavonia avenue, Jersey City; from the Nassau Ferry Company, at five per cent. on the gross receipts at the New York landing place of the ferry from Houston street, East river, to Williamsburg; and from the East river Ferry Company, at five per cent. on the gross receipts at the New York landing place of the ferry from Thirty-fourth street, East river, to Hunter's Point, Long Island City.

All the other lessees of ferry franchises refused to bid at the appraised value fixed for the franchise, and the sale has been adjourned from time to time, until October 8, 1877.

These parties claim that a fixed rate of valuation should be determined upon in each case, and terms of sale made to conform to such appraised value.

Several hearings have been had before the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the companies being represented by able counsel, who contend that it will interfere with their business if the method of examining their books is adhered to, and that it is impossible to get at an exact value in this way; also that such percentage of five per cent. upon the gross receipts at the New York landing is greatly in excess of the value of the ferry franchise. They also object to certain provisions contained in the printed form of the lease.

In order to meet the objections against a percentage upon the amount of yearly receipts, and at the same time to adhere to the principle which has been established by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Comptroller has caused a statement of the yearly receipts, at each ferry, for the past five years, as far as possible, to be obtained, and has computed the amount which should be fixed in each case at a round sum, so that the City will receive a sum equal to five per cent. on the gross receipts for the year, adding ten per cent. for the probable increase of population and business arising therefrom, being an increase of two per cent. on each succeeding year, for the term of leases.

Old ferry from the foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island, now leased to the Staten Island Railroad Company:

The receipts are as follows:

1872	\$182,290 96
1873	186,805 60
1874	186,508 65
1875	159,660 87
1876	150,190 41
For carrying the mail, 1874, 1875, 1876.....	3,632 99
Total	<u>\$869,089 49</u>
For the New York side half.....	\$434,544 74
At five per cent. is.....	21,727 23
Amount per year.....	4,345 44
Annual rent should be, adding ten per cent. for increase.....	<u>4,779 98</u>

Ferry from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, as established by resolution of the Common Council, approved November 3, 1875, called the North Shore Ferry:

The receipts are as follows:

1872	\$142,609 48
1873	134,152 39

1874	\$111,973 26
1875	97,925 06
1876	73,992 38

Total	\$560,652 57
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For the New York side half.....	\$280,326 28
At five per cent. is.....	14,016 31
Amount per year.....	2,803 26
Annual rent should be, adding ten per cent. for increase.....	3,083 58

Ferry from Cortlandt street, North river, to Jersey City:

In this case it has been impossible to obtain from the company an accurate statement of the gross receipts for the last five years. A sworn statement for the year ending July 31, 1877, has been presented showing the receipts on the New York side to be.....

At five per cent. is.....	\$110,150 32
Annual rent should be, adding ten per cent. for increase.....	5,507 51
	6,058 26

Ferry from Barclay street to Hoboken, New Jersey:

In this case it has been impossible to obtain from the company an accurate statement of the gross receipts for the last five years. A sworn statement from December 31, 1875, to July 31, 1877, shows.....

At five per cent. per annum is.....	\$183,147 49
Annual rent should be, adding ten per cent. for increase.....	5,783 60
	6,361 96

Ferry from Desbrosses street to Jersey City:

In this case it has been impossible to obtain from the lessees an accurate statement of the gross receipts for the last five years. A sworn statement from October 31, 1875, to May 1, 1877, shows.....

At five per cent. per annum is.....	\$108,052 86
Annual rent should be, adding ten per cent. for increase.....	3,601 75
	3,961 92

The Nassau Ferry Company, which purchased the franchise of the ferry from Houston street, East river, to Williamsburg, are willing to waive their purchase and to have the rent fixed at a gross sum, and the same resold. They have presented a statement of receipts for the last five years as follows:

1873	\$125,631 00
1874	131,189 00
1875	148,336 00

1876	\$156,688 00
1877	124,371 00
Total	\$686,215 00
For the New York side half.....	\$343,107 50
At five per cent. is.....	17,155 37
Amount per year.....	3,431 07
Annual rent should be, adding ten per cent. for increase.....	3,774 17

Ferry from Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island:

In this case it has been impossible to get an accurate statement of the gross receipts for the last five years. A sworn statement from November 1, 1875, to July 31, 1877, has been presented showing receipts on New York side to be.....

.....	\$57,564 70
At five per cent. is.....	2,878 23
Amount per year.....	1,644 70
Annual rent should be, adding ten per cent. for increase.....	1,809 17

Ferry from Twenty-third street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island:

*In this case it has been impossible to get an accurate statement of the gross receipts for the last five years. A sworn statement from November 1, 1875, to July 31, 1877, has been presented showing receipts on New York side to be.....

.....	\$78,089 95
At five per cent. is.....	2,231 14
Annual rent should be, adding ten per cent. for increase.....	2,454 25

Ferry from Thirty-fourth street, East river, to Hunter's Point, Long Island City:

The East river Ferry Company, which purchased the franchise of the ferry from Thirty-fourth street, East river, to Hunter's Point, Long Island City, are willing to waive their purchase, and to have the rent fixed at a gross sum, and the same resold.

They have presented a statement of the gross receipts for five years as follows:

1872.	\$130,559 00
1873.	134,492 00
1874.	138,905 00
1875.	142,758 00
1876.	133,387 00
Total	\$680,101 00

For the New York side half.....	\$340.050 50
At five per cent. is.....	17,002 52
Amount per year.....	3,400 50
Annual rent should be, adding ten per cent. for increase.....	<u>3,740 55</u>

Ferry from Ninety-second street, East river, to Astoria, Long Island:

In this case it has been impossible to get an accurate statement of the gross receipts for the last five years. A statement has been presented of the gross receipts from January 1, 1876, to July 1, 1877.....		\$44,344 00
For the New York side half.....		22,172 00
At five per cent. is.....		1,108 60
Amount per year.....		739 06
Annual rent should be, adding ten per cent. for increase.....		<u>812 06</u>

The Receiver of the Erie Railway Company, who bid off at the sale the franchise of the ferry from Chambers street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, Jersey City, at five per cent. of the gross receipts on the New York side, has communicated with this Department, and requests that a lease be given with the same covenants and provisions that are to be inserted in the leases of other ferry franchises to be given to other corporations, excepting as regards the manner of fixing the amount of rent payable.

The receipts at this ferry for the last five years have been as follows:

1872.	\$229,813 72
1873.	238,043 20
1874.	219,163 98
1875.	234,286 08
1876.	<u>225,072 74</u>
Total	<u>\$1,146,379 72</u>

For the New York side half.....	\$573.189 85
At five per cent. is.....	28,659 49
Amount per year.....	5,731 89

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT—COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
October 1, 1877. }

The Comptroller submitted the following preamble and resolution, adopted by the Common Council September 3, 1877, which, on motion, were referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

Whereas, The importance to this City, and many of its inhabitants, of direct communication by water between the upper, lower and intermediate portions of this City cannot be overestimated; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby directed, in advertising the sale of the franchise for a ferry between Harlem and Peck slip, and from Mott Haven to Fulton Market slip, to stipulate for a landing at or near the foot of Eighty-fourth street, East river, by the boats used by both ferries, each way, as often as the public convenience may require, but not less than once every hour, between the hours of 7 and 9 A. M. and 3 and 7 P. M.; and the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are hereby directed not to execute any lease for either of said ferries, unless the stipulation above mentioned is included in such lease.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Common Council adopted September 19, 1877, relative to the ferry from Peck slip to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, at Third avenue, Harlem, and the ferry from Fulton Market slip, New York, to Mott Haven, reported the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized and empowered to take necessary measures to lease, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the franchises of the following ferries, for a period not exceeding ten years, said leases to be prepared by the Counsel to the Corporation, and to be executed by the Comptroller on behalf of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Ferry from Peck slip to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, at Third avenue, Harlem, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East river.

Ferry from Fulton Market slip, New York City, to Mott Haven, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East river.

Ferry from Roosevelt street, East river, to South Seventh street, Brooklyn, E. D.

A communication was received from Vincent C. King, Esq., President of the Commissioners of the Fire Department, transmitting to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund a copy of the preamble and resolution adopted by the said Commissioners of the Fire Department September 29, 1877, as follows, viz.:

"Whereas, The building located twenty-five feet north of the northeasterly corner of One Hundred and Fortieth street and Third avenue, recently occupied

" by Hook and Ladder Company No. 17, is the property of George Smith, from
" whom the said premises were leased; and

" Whereas, This Department has no further use for the said premises, there-
" fore be it

" Resolved, That the said building be and it is hereby transferred over to the
" Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and that they be and are hereby requested
" to have the said building disposed of in such a manner as to relieve this
" Department from all obligation to pay the rent of said premises as soon as
" practicable."

Which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Com-
mittee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 8, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office October 8, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller stated that the adoption of the report at the last meeting relative to leases of ferry franchises rendered a new appraisement of the value of said franchises necessary, and submitted the following resolution; which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in fixing the value of ferry franchises, in each case, at five (5) per cent. of the gross receipts of each ferry, collected at the landing place in the City of New York, had at the meeting held June 5, 1877, and July 2, 1877, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and set aside.

Whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the value of each franchise be and the same is hereby fixed and appraised as follows:

Old ferry from the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, now leased to the Staten Island Railroad Company, at \$4,779.98 per annum;

New ferry from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island, as established by resolution of the Common Council, approved November 3, 1875, at \$3,083.58 per annum;

Ferry from Cortlandt street, North river, to Jersey City, at \$6,058.26 per annum.

Ferry from Barclay street, North river, to Hoboken, New Jersey, at \$6,361.96 per annum;

Ferry from Desbrosses street, North river, to Jersey City, New Jersey, at \$3,961.92 per annum;

Ferry from Houston street, East river, to Williamsburg, Brooklyn, E. D., at \$3,774.17 per annum;

Ferry from Twenty-third street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island, at \$2,454.25 per annum;

Ferry from Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island, at \$1,809.17 per annum;

Ferry from Thirty-fourth street, East river, to Hunter's Point, Long Island, at \$3,740.55 per annum;

Ferry from Ninety-second street, East river, to Astoria, Long Island, at \$812.96 per annum.

On motion, adjourned.

SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

OCTOBER 20, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office October 20, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following report, viz.:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE—NEW YORK, }
October 20, 1877. }

The Comptroller would report that at the sale of ferry franchises on October 11, 1877, the following franchises were sold to the highest bidder:

Ferry from Barclay street, North river, to Hoboken, New Jersey, was struck down to the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, at \$6,362.96 per annum;

Ferry from Houston street, East river, to Brooklyn, E. D., to the Nassau Ferry Company, at \$3,775.17 per annum;

Ferry from Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island, to the Greenpoint Ferry Company, at \$1,810.17 per annum;

Ferry from Twenty-third street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island, to the Greenpoint Ferry Company, at \$2,455.25 per annum;

Ferry from Thirty-fourth street, East river, to Hunter's Point, Long Island, at \$3,741.55 per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

Whereupon the following resolutions, submitted by the Comptroller, were, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That in accordance with sales made on October 11, 1877, a lease of the following ferry franchises be awarded, for the period of five years from August 1, 1877:

Ferry from Barclay street, North river, to Hoboken, New Jersey, to the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, at \$6,362.96 per annum;

Ferry from Houston street, East river, to Brooklyn, E. D., to the Nassau Ferry Company, at \$3,775.17 per annum;

Ferry from Tenth street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island, to the Greenpoint Ferry Company, at \$1,810.17 per annum;

Ferry from Twenty-third street, East river, to Greenpoint, Long Island, to the Greenpoint Ferry Company, at \$2,455.25 per annum; and of the

Ferry from Thirty-fourth street, East river, to Hunter's Point, Long Island, for the term of five years from November 1, 1877, at \$3,741.55 per annum, to the East River Ferry Company.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be empowered to sell, at public auction, the lease of the franchise of the ferry from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York City, to Staten Island, as established by resolution of the Common Council approved November 3, 1875, for the term extending from July 15, 1877, to May 1, 1884.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby appraise and fix the value of the franchise of the ferry from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York City, to Staten Island, as established by resolution of the Common Council approved November 3, 1875, at one thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the communication from John O'Donnell, Chairman of the Farmers' Co-operative Union, in relation to fines imposed on John S. Croucher and Skidmore Langdon, for incumbrance of Hudson street by market wagons, reported the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved. That the sum of ten dollars (\$10) each be paid to John S. Croucher and Skidmore Langdon, the same being amount of fines collected from them illegally for a supposed violation of the ordinances of the City relative to market wagons, and paid into the Sinking Fund October 5, 1877, as of September 11, 1877.

The Comptroller stated that on the 13th instant there was a balance in the Treasury to the credit of "The Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the "City Debt" of \$747,749.41, and submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That a warrant be executed in favor of J. Nelson Tappan, Chamberlain, for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), to be charged to the

"Sinking Fund for the Payment of Interest on the City Debt," on account of the "Surplus Revenues," of said fund for the year 1877, and credited to the "General Fund," in pursuance of chapter 163, Laws of 1862.

The following resolution of the Common Council, approved by the Mayor October 15, 1877, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller, viz.:

"Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and are hereby requested to report to this Board, as early as convenient, what steps, if any, have been taken for increasing the revenue of the Corporation, by disposing of the large quantity of land reclaimed from the waters of the North river by the Dock Department, west of West and other streets, in the erection of new bulkheads and the extension of piers on the western water front of this City."

An application was received from the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction for the "use of the unoccupied fire engine-house in Beekman street, to be used as a reception hospital."

The Comptroller stated that the building referred to had been, by resolution of this Board, adopted January 22, 1877, "appropriated for public use as offices of the Corporation Attorney and of the Public Administrator," and recommended that the premises leased from the New York Dispensary, at the northwest corner of Centre and White streets, be designated as a Reception Hospital; and that the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction be authorized to take possession thereof, and to occupy the same for such purposes, which, on motion, was adopted.

An application was received from William P. Patten, No. 62 Clinton place, "to be allowed to temporarily occupy the unoccupied school-house at No. 61 Thompson street, for the purposes of holding religious meetings and school therein, during the pleasure of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund," which, on motion, was referred to Comptroller.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 12, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office November 12, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That, in accordance with sale made on September 6, 1877, a lease of the following ferry franchise be awarded for the period of five years from August 1, 1877, viz.:

Ferry from Chambers street, North river, to Pavonia avenue, New Jersey, to the receiver of the Erie Railway Company, at an annual rent of five per cent. of the gross receipts for ferriage that shall accrue at such ferry collected at the landing place in the City of New York, and in no case to be less than one-half of five per cent. of the gross receipts of the ferry wherever collected.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That, in accordance with sales made October 25, 1877, leases of the following ferry franchises be awarded by this Board, viz.:

Old ferry from the foot of Whitehall street to Staten Island, to November 1, 1882, to the Staten Island Railway Company, at an annual rent of four thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents.

Ferry from the bulkhead at the foot of Whitehall street, New York, to Staten Island, as established by resolution of the Common Council, approved November 3,

1875, for the period extending from July 15, 1877, to May 1, 1884, to John H. Starin, at one thousand five hundred and one dollars per annum.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby appraise and fix the value of the franchise of the ferry from Cortlandt street, North river, to Jersey City at five thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby appraise and fix the value of the franchise of the ferry from Desbrosses street, North river, to Jersey City at three thousand seven hundred dollars per annum.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby appraise and fix the value of the franchise of the ferry as now established from the foot of Roosevelt street, in the City of New York, East river, to South Seventh street, Brooklyn, Eastern District, at five per cent. per annum upon the gross receipts for ferriage collected at the New York landing place.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby appraise and fix the value of the franchise of the ferry from Peck slip, New York City, to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street, at Third avenue, Harlem, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East river, at two and one-half per cent. per annum upon the gross receipts collected for ferriage.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby appraise and fix the value of the franchise of the ferry from Fulton Market slip, New York City, to Mott Haven, with an intermediate landing at or near Eighty-fourth street, East river, at two and one-half per cent. per annum upon the gross receipts collected for ferriage.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the communication from the Commissioners of the Fire Department in relation to the premises recently occupied by Hook and Ladder Company No. 17, submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to sell at public auction, on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, the building located twenty-five feet north of the northeast corner of One Hundred and Fortieth street and Third avenue, recently occupied by Hook and Ladder Company No. 17.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby appraise and fix the value of the building located twenty-five feet north of the northeast corner of One Hundred and Fortieth street and Third avenue, recently occupied by Hook and Ladder Company No. 17, at one hundred dollars, the purchaser to remove the same immediately at his own expense.

A communication was received from Jesse Oakley offering to sell to the City a plot of land on Ward's Island, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

The application of Jacob Rudolphy for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault at No. 1300 Third avenue was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

NOVEMBER 24, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office November 24, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That, in accordance with sales made November 15, 1877, leases of the following ferry franchises be awarded by this Board, viz.:

Ferry from Cortlandt street, North river, to Jersey City, for the period of five years from August 1, 1877, to the associates of the Jersey Company, at five thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Ferry from Desbrosses street, North river, to Jersey City, for the period of five years from August 1, 1877, to the associates of the Jersey Company, at three thousand seven hundred dollars per annum.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution fixing the value of the annual rent of premises No. 61 Thompson street, to be leased at public auction on the 28th of November, 1877, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That this Board do appraise and fix the value of the annual rent of premises No. 61 Thompson street at six hundred dollars per annum.

The following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby fix the terms of sale of the building twenty-five feet north of the northeast corner of One Hundred and Fortieth street and Third avenue as follows:

Cash to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale; the successful bidder to remove the building within five days from the date of sale and to leave the ground on which it stands free from all materials of the building and smoothly and evenly graded.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of Jacob Rudolphy for return of amount paid in error on account of street vault at No. 1300 Third avenue, reported the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of forty-nine and fifty one-hundredths dollars (\$49.50) be returned to Jacob Rudolphy, such amount having been paid by him on August 23, 1877, for a permit to construct a vault in front of premises No. 1300 Third avenue, and, owing to the change in the plans of the building, the vault referred to has been abandoned and was not constructed.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to sale, under foreclosure of mortgage of Abraham Goodman to the City, of premises No. 5 Duane street; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be authorized to buy in, at its fair market value, on behalf of the City of New York, the premises on the easterly side of Duane street, known by the street number 5, which are advertised to be sold at auction on November 27, 1877, upon the foreclosure of a mortgage made by Abraham Goodman to the City of New York.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act, chapter 574, Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising moneys necessary to carry out the provision of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, on account of the requisition by the Commissioners of Docks, dated July 12, 1877, for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

Application of Abraham H. Jones, No. 145 Broadway, for parties interested, to lease, for a term of years, Washington and Fulton Markets, for the purpose of erecting on each property a new building for market purposes, was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

A communication was received from Sigismund Beer, as agent for A. E. Beach, offering to sell to the City certain portions of the water front of Ward's Island belonging to said Beach, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, Jr., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 7, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held at the Mayor's Office December 7, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Comptroller, the Chamberlain and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized to lease at public auction, on appraisal, in accordance with the Charter of 1873, the hay scales at Tompkins Market, for the period extending to May 1, 1879, in accordance with the following

Terms of Sale.

Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid to be paid to the Collector of City Revenue at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required at the same time to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

Twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent, or forfeited if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above, and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation (sec. 99 of Charter of 1873).

The lease will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the city during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter yearly and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

The Comptroller submitted the appraisement of the value of the annual rent of the hay scales at Tompkins Market, to be leased at public auction, as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund do hereby appraise and fix the value of the annual rent of the hay scales at Tompkins Market at sixty dollars.

Which, on motion, was adopted.

The application of Marc Eidlitz for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault corner of Twenty-sixth street and Fourth avenue, was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

A communication was received from Caroline G. McClellan in relation to ground rent on premises Nos. 24 and 26 Peck slip, which, on motion, was referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.

JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.

J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

PATRICK KEENAN, Chairman Finance Committee of Board of Aldermen.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 28, 1877.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held pursuant to adjournment at the Mayor's Office December 28, 1877.

Present—The Mayor, the Recorder, the Comptroller and the Chamberlain.

The minutes of the meeting held December 7, 1877, were read and approved.

The Comptroller submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Comptroller, in accordance with subdivision 11 of section 6 of the act, chapter 574 of Laws of 1871, be and hereby is directed to prepare and issue, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the Dock Department, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) Dock Bonds of the City of New York, for the purpose of raising moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of said act relating to the Department of Docks, its powers and duties, the said amount being the balance of the requisition made by the Commissioners of Docks, dated July 12, 1877, for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).

The application of Joseph Thompson for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault corner Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue was received; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents be returned to Joseph Thompson, being the excess paid by him for a vault in front of premises southwest corner of Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue on August 21, 1877.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of Marc Eidlitz for return of amount overpaid on account of street vault corner Twenty-sixth street and Fourth avenue, reported the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and six dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$106.78) be returned to Oswald Ottendorfer, being the excess paid by him for a vault in front of premises at the southwest corner of Twenty-sixth street and Fourth avenue on October 18, 1877.

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the application of Richard H. Thorn (late Deputy Collector of City Revenue) for return of overpayment on account of market rents, reported the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the sum of forty-two dollars (\$42) be returned to Richard H. Thorn, late Deputy Collector of City Revenue, being the amount of moneys paid by said Richard H. Thorn into the City Treasury between May 18, 1877, and August 1, 1877, in excess of the collections made by him between May 18, 1877, and July 27, 1877.

A communication was received from the Counsel to the Corporation in relation to the sale of premises No. 5 Duane street advertised to be sold at public auction upon the foreclosure of a mortgage made by Abraham Goodman to the City of New York; whereupon the following resolution, submitted by the Comptroller, was, on motion, adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be authorized to buy in, on behalf of the City of New York, at a valuation not to exceed seven thousand dollars, the premises in Duane street advertised to be sold at auction upon the foreclosure of a mortgage made by Abraham Goodman to the City of New York.

The application of Zachariah Jacques for grant of land under water on the North river, between West Fifty-fifth and West Fifty-sixth streets, was received and, on motion, referred to the Comptroller.

Adjourned.

SMITH ELY, JR., Mayor.
JOHN K. HACKETT, Recorder.
JOHN KELLY, Comptroller.
J. NELSON TAPPAN, Chamberlain.

W. H. DIKEMAN, Clerk.

